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Finns Begin New Year By Routing Invaders

THIRD SOVIET ARMY HURLED INTO RETREAT

Finland Exultant At New Victory

HELSINKI—(P)—Finland's warriors of the snows Saturday flung a third Red Russian army back onto Soviet soil—in full rout—and faced the new year exultant in the strength they have shown to the world.

British accounts of the operations at the start of the second month of northern war went so far as to credit Finnish "suicide patrols" of skiers with cutting Russia's vital railway from Murmansk to Leningrad in three places. These dispatches said there were reports of a food shortage in Murmansk as a result of the raids on the railway, which is the main supply line for the invading Russians.

Other Finnish armies stood fast against attacks on the Mannerheim line while this little capital, in contrast to the bloody aerial Blitzkrieg of a month ago, had not a single air raid alarm all day.

Soviet bombers, however, attacked other towns both close to Helsinki and on the Karelian Isthmus. Half a hundred bombs were dumped on Hanko, southwestern naval base, destroying a hospital and four other buildings and injuring five persons. Vaasa, in the capital area, was bombed with three to five civilian deaths; Sipoo, 30 miles east of Helsinki, was raided and a little girl was killed; there were civilian casualties in raids on Kivikauni and other Isthmus towns.

The third battle in which the attacking Russians were pushed back across the border took place near Kuusmo, about 50 miles north of Lekska, in lower central Finland. The Finnish command charted the course of the Russian rout as south-east, past Kieki.

Previously, the Reds had been forced back over the border at points east and southeast of Lekska. The Finnish ski troops, moreover, have been reported in dashes into Soviet territory near Salla, further north, in attempts to clear off the Soviet rail "life line."

Finland's army command detailed victorious Finnish stands on the ice of Lake Suvanto, on the eastern Karelian Isthmus, at Kitala, on the northern shore of Lake Ruokio, and on a front between Lake Ruokio and Lake Sysky. A several day battle around Lake Kianta continued.

Puzzled By Reports
Finns on this last Saturday of the year realized with proud satisfaction that Russia's armies seemed much further away than they did on the terrible opening day of the conflict—November 30.

They were puzzled, however, by numerous foreign reports that foreign volunteers were arriving in Finland.

So far, the Swedes have been the only ones to come in noticeable numbers, although the first Norwegians are expected next week.

Closed Monday

Valley Celebrates New Year's Day

HARLINGEN—Post office, federal, county and city offices, and retail establishments over the Valley will be closed all day Monday in celebration of New Year's Day, a survey revealed Saturday.

No particular observances were slated publicly. In other cities of the Valley all offices and stores were to close for the day, but in Brownsville the general delivery window will be open from 10 to 11 a. m. for the benefit of tourists and others.

Aside from dances and midnight parties at picture houses, celebration of the first day of 1940 was to be confined to individual parties.

Japanese Withdraw Troops From Hong Kong Area Sunday

HONG KONG (Sunday)—(P)—After four months occupation of the Chinese territory paring the Hong Kong border, Japanese army forces completed Sunday a withdrawal which was prompted, according to their official announcement, "out of friendliness toward Great Britain."

Those Bowl Games Teams, Times, Places And Broadcasts

NEW YORK—(P)—Probable attendance starting times (Central Standard) and chains broadcast (if any) football games New Year's Day.
Sugar Bowl (Tulane-Texas Aggies)—70,000, 1:15 p. m., NBC (Red).
Orange Bowl (Georgia Tech-Missouri)—38,600, 1 p. m., CBS.
Cotton Bowl (Clemson-Boston College)—30,000, 2 p. m.
Sun Bowl (Catholic-Tempe Teachers)—13,000, 3 p. m.
Rose Bowl (Tennessee-Southern California)—92,000, 4:15 p. m., NBC (Blue) and MBS.
East-West—59,000, 4 p. m., MBS.

Happy Days Again!

Shivering Shoppers Send Year-End Business To New High; 1940 Prospects Bright

(See Babson Forecast on Page 5)
NEW YORK—(P)—Shivering shoppers and a mountain of industrial orders on hand enabled the nation's business this week to counter the usual between-holidays slump and turn in a better than fair year-end performance.

The bite of cold winds which swept many sections caused unusual demand for heavy wearing apparel and stores which had settled down to a lull found themselves, in many cases, crowded with seekers after merchandise which had lain almost untouched on the shelves during the mild weeks which preceded Christmas.

The extra sales washed over into the wholesale markets, where store buyers reordered warmer lines and looked about anxiously for goods suitable for January clearances. The surge of trade just before the holiday had depleted many stocks, and inventories had been kept low, replacements were sought.

Work Piles Up
In factories, despite the Christmas shut down, enough work was on hand to hold daily output at about what it had been in the preceding period although steel ingot production dropped sharply.

In the meantime business looked ahead to 1940, studying the opinions of scores of economists and hard headed executives for a guide as to how to plan for a year the future of which appeared about as obscure, affected as it was by two European wars and an election campaign at home, as any in some time.

Warnings Issued
While optimism was apparent in many seats of the mighty, caution seemed to divide honors as a key note. In the statements of many public men was an almost unanimous warning against the build-up which might prove useless should the consumer "strike" or foresee a diminution of his purchasing power.

FREIGHTER AGROUND
PORT ARTHUR, Tex.—(P)—Several tugs left Saturday night to assist the Japanese freighter Kinugasa Maru, reported aground on Calcasieu bar, east of Cameron, La.

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But, he said, with "such soldiers, Germany must win."

Gasoline Truck Explodes, Kills Man At Cameron

CAMERON, Tex.—(P)—Joe Hawkins, 35, was killed and seven other men injured, two seriously, Saturday night when a gasoline truck exploded at a filling station here.

Most seriously injured of the seven were W. W. Markham, 50, owner of the filling station, and Eddie Moore, 25, who were reported near death. Apparently the exhaust from the truck ignited gasoline fumes.

Woman's Leg Broken When Hit By Auto
BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. L. R. Cantu, 69, Brownsville, was treated for a broken right leg and arm at Mercy Hospital here Saturday night after she was struck by a car on a downtown street.

Except for the fractured bones, her condition was good, physicians said. Name of the driver of the auto which struck Mrs. Cantu was not revealed by police, pending further investigation.

Reno Divorces Drop

RENO—(P)—Divorce suits filed in Reno during 1939 dropped to 2,231 compared to 2,375 last year, county clerk Elwood H. Beemer said Saturday. The record is 4,745 set in 1931.

CROP DAMAGE SEEN AFTER FROST HERE

Sunday May Expect Continued Cold

HARLINGEN—Its fall vegetables damaged an estimated 25 to 70 per cent from Saturday morning nips by frost, the Lower Rio Grande Valley looked forward to about correspondingly spotted frosts Sunday morning, with temperatures rising somewhat during the day.

Sunday's skies are to be generally fair, weathermen said, and Monday partly cloudy, with warmer weather. The lows of 30 degrees at McAllen, 34 at Harlingen and 37 at Brownsville were expected to be about the same again Sunday morning.

Warmer Monday
Highs of 68 at Harlingen and 65 at Brownsville Saturday were to go into the low 70's Sunday, meteorologists predicted. Temperatures Monday were to be somewhat higher than Sunday's.

Damage to tomato crops from Brownsville to Mission were extensive, shippers and growers believed, though not as bad as at first expected. Estimates of damage to tomatoes in the McAllen and Mission areas was as much as 50 per cent, while at Brownsville shippers said it might run to 70 per cent. Peas were not thought damaged to such an extent, being more hardy.

Around McAllen the spring tomato crop was estimated hurt by the frost some 10 per cent. About 25 per cent of the peppers and eggplant were lost, estimates from shippers said. There was ice and frost in spotted low places the length of the Valley Saturday morning, and ice formed on the tops of cars parked overnight in the open in some places. Frost and ice about like Saturday's were expected Sunday again.

Shippers and growers generally were of the opinion the Valley was lucky to escape heavier damage from the frost.

John Wiesehan, McAllen grower and shipper of vegetables, toured the McAllen area south to near

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Republicans Jolted By FDR's Invitation To Democrat Party

WASHINGTON—(P)—Republican congressional leaders received Saturday with surprise—and some evident suspicion—a Roosevelt-appealed invitation to attend the annual Democratic Jackson Day dinner.

More or less nonplussed, none would say definitely what he would do, but all indicated that they feared the invitation was a sort of political Trojan horse and would decline with thanks.

Edison Named Appointed Secretary Of Navy

WASHINGTON—(P)—President Roosevelt advanced Charles Edison to secretary of the navy Saturday, putting an end to speculation over the delayed choice for the cabinet post vacated by the death last July of Assistant Secretary Claude Swanson.

The appointment was announced unexpectedly at the White House after Mr. Roosevelt had summoned the acting navy secretary there for a conference. It will be submitted formally to the senate for confirmation after congress convenes next week.

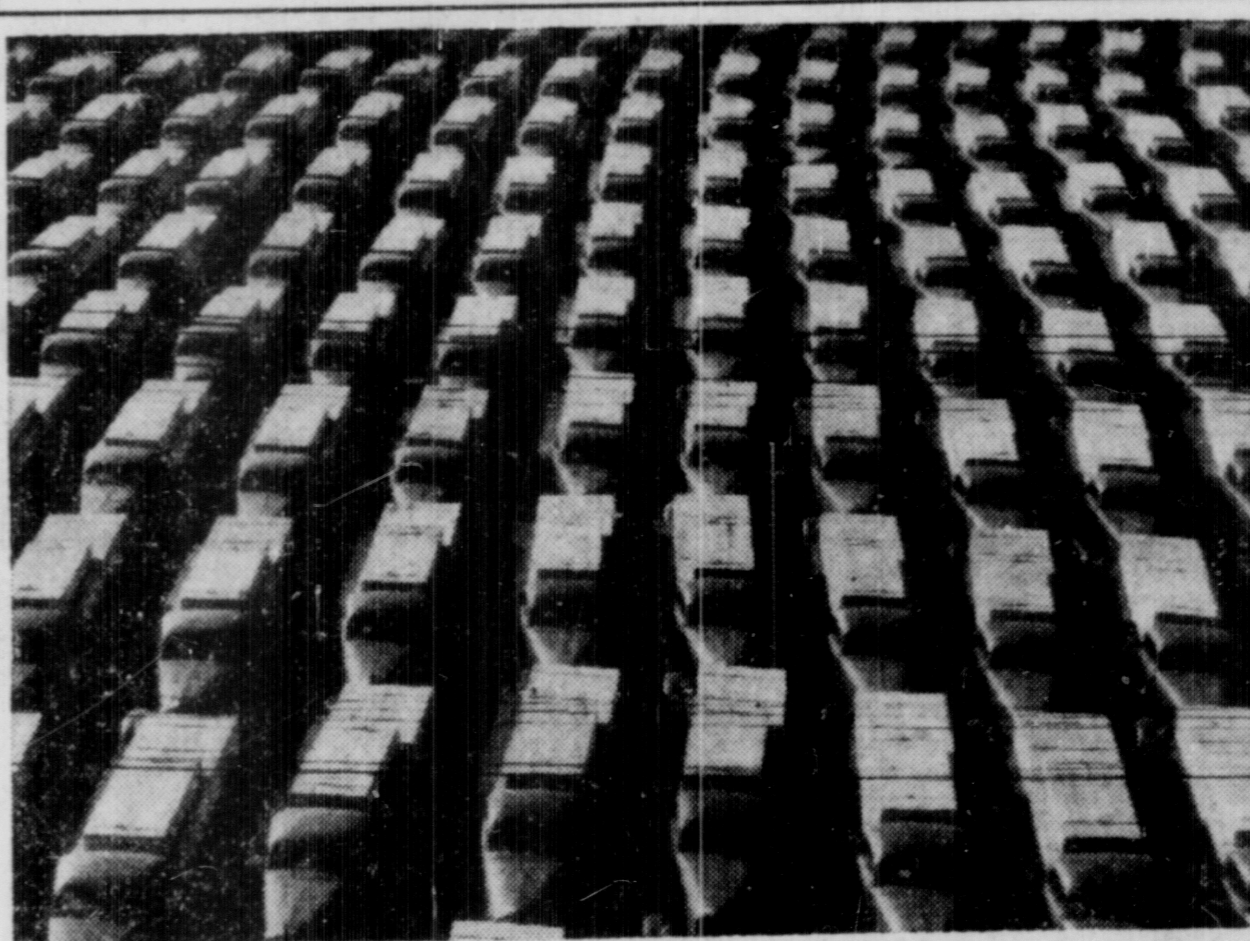
3-Day New Year Party Launched

America Bids 30's Goodbye With Wild and Happy Celebrations

By The Associated Press
Eidding farewell to the '30s, convivial Americans began a three day celebration of the New Year Saturday night.

It promised to be one of the gayest festivals of the decade. The national round of receptions, parties and dances started 24 hours earlier than usual because of New Year's Eve falling

This Is What Aids U. S. Prosperity



These are part of the 2,500 American-made trucks which were jammed into the foreign trade zone on Staten Island along with a total of \$18,500,000 worth of materials for shipment to England and France. All available space on a five-pier area was filled and two more piers were wanted for the "free port."

Read Babson's business forecast for America on page 5.

DOPE TRIAL IN JANUARY Valley Marihuana Case Hearing Set

BROWNSVILLE—The fate of six Valleyites apprehended Thursday night in connection with the alleged smuggling of marihuana will likely hinge upon federal grand jury action at Galveston early in January. Cases of the Valleyites probably will be submitted to the grand jury at United States district court convening January 8 there. U. S. Commissioner Carlos G. Watson said here Saturday.

All the defendants have waived examining trials.

Held In Jail
Eugene and Leon Lancy, apprehended near San Benito, were said Saturday afternoon to still be in Cameron county jail in default of \$2,500 bond each. They are charged with the unlawful purchase, transfer, and possession of 91 grains of marihuana.

The other four defendants are charged with the unlawful purchase, transfer, possession and sale of about 160 ounces of marihuana, and also conspiracy, it was said. They are: Joe Liles, city line-man; Paul Bretz, operator of a filling station here; Luciano Hinojosa,

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Manslaughter Charge Faces Sect Members

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn.—(P)—Seven members of a sect which frowns on medical aid for the sick said Saturday their religion would be their defense at their approaching trial on charges of involuntary manslaughter growing out of the deaths of four children and a woman.

Indicted by the county grand jury, the five men and two women are accused of "willfully and feloniously" causing the death of five members of their families by declining to call in a doctor or provide proper medical assistance.

British Seek Repair In Montevideo Port

MONTEVIDEO—(P)—Great Britain Saturday night asked Uruguay to permit the cruiser Ajax to enter Montevideo harbor to repair damages received in her mid-month battle with the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

The request provided a new strain for this tiny country's sorely tested neutrality.

New Year Finds Europe Gloomy With Two Wars

1939 Saw Death Of Four Small Nations; Fifth Is Battling For Life

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Associated Press Staff Writer
A tragic peal of guns and bombs is ringing the old year out in Europe amid the death and destruction of a double war. But for the

hope that 1940 will see peace restored on much of the earth there would be little to lighten the gloom for civilization, surveying its handiwork in the year that is all but gone.

In the dying year, four small nations, Albania, Czechoslovakia and Poland, vanish as independent states, engulfed by the soaring ambitions and ruthless force of their mighty neighbors. The year before

Austria had gone the same way. Their 50,000,000 people became pawns of dictators, no longer masters of their own destiny.

A fifth nation, Finland, is battling frantically against fantastic odds to save herself from the same fate. Already three other neighbors of Russia-on-the-march, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, have succumbed to Moscow pressure and been reduced to near puppet status.

In 1939 more than half the estimated world population of a little more than two billions has been at war. The cost in life or property has been in China, in Poland, in Finland no man knows; but it was great.

Only in the sea-girt new world, still remote from the bitter combat.

Bridges Freed

Examiner Rules He's No Communist

WASHINGTON—(P)—The door to possible deportation of Harry Bridges, Australian-born west coast CIO leader, appeared Saturday night to have been closed by a trial examiner's finding that he is not a Communist, but there were indications that the decision might have repercussions in congress.

The reaction of legislators already here for the session beginning next week has varied, but some were frankly incredulous.

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BRIDGES that Dean M. Landis of Harvard Law School, who sat as a special labor department examiner in the Bridges case, could have cleared him of any affiliation with the Communist party.

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BODIES FOUND IN HARLINGEN ON SATURDAY

Tragedy Occurs In Trailer House

HARLINGEN—Coroner's inquest verdict of death from poison gas asphyxiation was returned here Saturday in the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jeff Saylor, 59 and 40, who were found in a trailer house at 300 West Hansen street early Saturday morning.

After examination, Drs. Paul Maxwell and J. C. Watkins said death came to the pair in the virtually air-tight room without struggle, from fumes coming from a pan of burning charcoal and a kerosene lamp.

Driver Finds Bodies

Doctors estimated the Saylor had been dead an hour when their bodies were discovered about 7:45 a. m. by W. Robinson, McAllen, Grisham's ice cream truck driver making his daily call. Mrs. Saylor, formerly Della Garcia, had been dead considerably longer.

No funeral arrangements had been completed. The bodies were at Stotter-Burdette Mortuary here. Saylor's sister, Mrs. Cleo Schaff, Glendale, Calif., and a brother, Charles Saylor, Hillsboro, Tex., had been notified. A nephew of Mrs. Saylor at Carbon Hill, Ala., was also informed of the tragedy.

Dr. Paul Maxwell said he had been called to the trailer house Friday night to see Mrs. Saylor, who suffered with a heavy cold. He said a Mexican woman had been there, and that Saturday morning she had reported Mrs. Saylor sick but in good condition at 10:30 p. m. Friday when she left. Other sources said Saylor had a weak heart, and that this may have contributed to his death.

Charcoal Burned

Chief of Police E. W. Anglin said Saylor was known to have purchased a sack of charcoal Friday night, and this had been burned in an open container in the tight room. The lamp was still burning when Robinson, and Barney Smith, owner of the trailer house, opened the door and discovered the bodies on the bed.

Saylor had been an ice cream distributor in Harlingen for some time, and Mrs. Saylor was cook at a private residence.

Cold Is Blamed For Fatal Train Crash In Italy Saturday

NAPLES—(P)—A cold wave sweeping Italy was blamed Saturday for the collision of a passenger train and a troop train which resulted in between 14 and 40 deaths.

An official announcement said that 14 were killed and 40 injured in the wreck at the Torre Annunziata station, but rescue workers declared that about 40 bodies had been taken from the wreckage and that 150 persons were injured.

Spanish Ship Said On Fire In Ocean

CADIZ, Spain—(P)—The Spanish gunboat Calvo Sotelo was ordered Saturday to proceed to the aid of the Spanish passenger liner Cabo San Antonio reported afire in the Atlantic.

The liner, a 12,589-ton vessel owned by Ybarra and Company of Seville, Spain, is due here January 2 from Argentina with an unknown number of passengers and a cargo of freight.

Refugees Flee

Quake Victims Tell Of Terrors

ANKARA, Turkey—(P)—Injured refugees from quake-torn Anatolia streamed into Ankara Saturday by thousands, with stark tales of disaster wrought by earthquakes and cold.

New violent shocks occurred for the fourth consecutive day, impeding rescuers but adding little damage to Wednesday's havoc in which officials reported at least 40,000 were killed in Erzinjan Province alone.

Many who escaped to the open, survivors said, were forced by the cold to seek shelter in what was left of ruined buildings—only to be killed when further shocks crumbled the structures. Others who fled to the fields perished there in the bitter cold.

OH, SHUCKS!

MOSCOW—(P)—Saturday night's communique of the Russian military headquarters of the Leningrad area said merely: "December 30, nothing important occurred at the front."

HEXING CASE IN WEST IS NOW PROBED

Man Accused Turning Self Into Frog

LAS VEGAS, N. M.—(AP)—A tale of "witchcraft" and "hexing" came out of a northern New Mexico mountain village Saturday.

Assistant District Attorney R. E. Cooper returned from the town of Mora Saturday and said a preliminary hearing was conducted in justice court there for a man charged with mayhem and accused by townsfolk of "turning himself into a frog" and "hexing people."

Mutilate Two
Cooper said the defendant, Evelino Espinosa, was charged with mutilating his wife and cousin, Mrs. Amadeo Sineros, Christmas night as they slept. Cooper said Mrs. Espinosa's fingers were injured and "Mrs. Sineros lost two teeth and her face looked as if someone had chewed on it."

They testified that Espinosa acted queerly Christmas night and that he made signs on the floor near their beds. They said when he left the house, they became frightened and locked the door.

Cooper quoted Mrs. Espinosa as saying the next morning "there was a frog in the room but it disappeared when I called my husband and he entered another door."

Suspects Frog
Cooper said Mrs. Espinosa testified that "if the frog did it, my husband couldn't have." He added that the mountain folk long have accused Espinosa of being "the man who turns into a frog." A huge crowd milled around the courthouse during the hearing.

He said Espinosa put up \$1,000 bond pending district court hearing.

Mora is about 26 miles north of here.

Happy Warrior On 66th Birthday Says May 'Walk Again'

NEW YORK—(AP)—Al Smith, the "happy warrior" of yesterday, was 66 Saturday and in celebration of the occasion he presented his personal list of Democratic presidential possibilities and threatened to "take another walk" if his party re-endorsed the new deal headed by his one-time bosom friend.

"If the (Democratic) platform comes out in full praise of the new deal, it'll be time to get my walking shoes out again," he said.

April 30 Deadline For Tax Renditions

BROWNSVILLE—Beginning the first of the year, property owners in Cameron county have until April 30, 1940, to render their property for the 1940 tax rolls, Ralph T. Ager, county tax assessor-collector, said Saturday.

After that date property not rendered will be carried as "unknown" on the tax rolls, he said. Valuations will be set on unrendered property by the tax office.

Those who fail to render their property also lose the homestead exemption in their state tax, which exempts up to \$3,000 of the valuation of the property.

Willacy Rotarians Delay Big Dance

RAYMONDVILLE—The Rotary Club had a called meeting on Thursday at the Tulsa Cafe for the purpose of notifying all members that the banquet-dance planned for Saturday evening was called off because a majority of the membership could not attend due to unavoidable conflicts.

The same special committee, consisting of Harry Cook, J. K. Smith and John Holder, will be held over for the Ladies Night to be staged during the latter half of Rotary year.

Southerner Loads At Brownsville Port

BROWNSVILLE—The SS Southern, of the Moore-McCormack Line, docked Saturday noon at the Port of Brownsville to load for the Atlantic seaboard.

The Moore-McCormack vessel is to sail Sunday noon to Miami, New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Longshoremen worked on the ship Saturday night to arrange for the Sunday sailing. Hoisted on the SS Southern was a large cargo of citrus, and general merchandise.

Oil Control Looms As 1940 Problem

AUSTIN—(AP)—Price, demand, shutdowns and federal control are question marks as the vast Texas oil industry warily attempts to gauge its prospects for 1940.

Whether production shutdowns are to continue may be answered by the state railroad commission within the next month. A rise in the price of crude, if it comes, perhaps will come in the spring. Debate on the federal control question will wax warm in Washington shortly after the start of the new year.

Nazi Envoys Head For South America

MEXICO CITY—(AP)—Three German consular officials, formerly stationed in Canada and the United States, Saturday continued their journey by plane to South America where the German legation said they will assume new posts in Argentina, Chile and Uruguay.

When they arrived last Thursday on the plane from Brownsville, the Mexican press printed prominent reports describing them as members of a secret mission sent mysteriously from Germany on some mysterious assignment in Mexico.

FIRST REUNION IN 22 YEARS MAKES

A Merry Christmas For Them

Mellenbruch Family Gather Again In San Juan



The entire Mellenbruch family group which celebrated Christmas with a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mellenbruch of San Juan, back row, left to right: Clark Mellenbruch of San Juan, Lyle Mellenbruch of Willis, Kan., Dale Mellenbruch of Benson, Ariz., Mrs. Clark Mellenbruch of San Juan, Mrs. Lyle Mellenbruch, Mrs. W. F. Herber and daughter, Lucy, of San Antonio, Paul Mellenbruch of San Antonio, Mrs. Paul Mellenbruch, Mrs. Glenn Mellenbruch and Glenn Mellenbruch of Clifton, Texas, Mrs. W. A. Johnson and son, Lester Carroll, of Lyle, Texas. Front row, left to right, Miss Jane Ellen Mellenbruch of San Juan, L. C. Mellenbruch of San Juan, Miss Paula Marie Mellenbruch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellenbruch of San Antonio, Mrs. L. C. Mellenbruch of San Juan, and W. A. Johnson and daughter, Willeen, of Lyle. (Photo by Brad Smith, McAllen.)

SAN JUAN—Maybe it wasn't the largest but it certainly was one of the happiest Christmas celebrations in all South Texas when the seven sons and two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mellenbruch, pioneer San Juan residents, and ten other relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mellenbruch in San Juan.

First In 22 Years
The reunion marked the first time that all members of the family had been together in the 22 years the family has made its home in Texas and the first time since 1917 that the family was gathered. The last occasion was just before two of the seven sons joined the American Expeditionary Force in its World War adventure.

Mr. and Mrs. Mellenbruch last saw all of their children at one time on Thanksgiving Day, 1917, in Hiawatha, Kansas, the old home-town of the Mellenbruch family. In December, 1917, two of the boys had joined the American armed forces and Mr. Mellenbruch moved to the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Mr. Mellenbruch farmed for a number of years near San Juan while his boys and girls were growing up, but has since retired. Mrs. Mellenbruch started her hobby of flower-growing and this has now come to occupy a considerable part of her time as a regular business, known as the San Juan Flower Gardens.

The seven sons are engaged in the same different kinds of businesses and the two daughters are housewives. Clark Mellenbruch of San Juan is in the lumber and citrus businesses. Loy, now of Willis, Kansas, is a farmer, like his father. Dale is publisher of the San Pedro Valley News at Benson, Arizona, while Paul is office manager for an electrical supply firm in San Antonio. Lyle operates a San Antonio garage, and Glenn is dean of men at Clifton College, Clifton, Texas.

Others Present
In addition to the seven sons and two daughters attending the reunion during the Christmas holidays, one son-in-law, four daughters-in-law and five grandchildren visited Mr. and Mrs. Mellenbruch to make a total of 21 at the family gathering. The entire family group enjoyed Sunday and Christmas dinners at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mellenbruch at San Juan on Dec. 24 and 25.

Hidalgo, Willacy Suits Considered In Appeals Court

SAN ANTONIO—Proceedings in Fourth Court of Civil Appeals Saturday included: Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 et al. versus Hidalgo County, et al. from Hidalgo, motion to set aside. Charles W. Ferguson et ux. versus Clark Mellenbruch, from Hidalgo, appellants motion for rehearing overruled. Myrlin O. Johnson, intervener, versus Willacy County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 from Hidalgo, appellants motion to advance cause for submission granted; cause set for January 17.

Woman Attorney Is Killed By Train

CORUS CHRISTI—(AP)—Miss Consuelo L. Hanna, 40, attorney of Luverne, Kossuth county, Iowa, was fatally injured here Saturday when struck by a Missouri Pacific passenger train two miles west of Corpus Christi.

Politician Dies

WICHITA, Kans.—(AP)—John B. Doolin, 60, Alta, Okla., former assistant treasurer of the Democratic national committee and a leader in his party in Oklahoma nearly 30 years, died of heart disease in a hospital Saturday after being stricken Friday night at a hotel.

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Modern Costumes To Be Used In Mission Fiesta

MISSION—A stunning contrast will be portrayed in the ultra-modern costumes to be worn by Queen Citriona VII and her ladies in waiting with those to be worn by the duchesses from 22 Valley cities when they take part in the coronation pageant which opens the Texas Citrus Fiesta in Mission next week.

CHARRO BOOKS OFF PRESSES

Souvenir Programs Placed On Sale
BROWNSVILLE—Official Charro Days program, attractive souvenirs of the Valley, are now off the presses of the Skelton Brothers Printing Company here, and on sale at news stands.

Printed on 80-pound India paper, and rich in design, the programs not only include the program for Charro Days, February 1-4, inclusive, but also a background of the fiesta.

The art work, worth alone the price of the program, was sketched by Miss Genevieve Armstrong, head of the Skelton Brothers art department.

"Charro Days is more than a celebration. It is a state of mind framed in the gay colors and tinkling music of the old time Mexican holiday," the booklet states.

Pointed out is the fact that "Old friendships are renewed and new friends easily made in the carefree atmosphere of fiesta which prevails. As the saying goes, everyone is 'sympatico.'"

Envelopes, also attractively designed, are provided with each souvenir program to facilitate mailing "to the folks back home" throughout the United States.

Garner Refuses To Talk Politics On Visit To Dallas

DALLAS—(AP)—Vice President Garner humorously said "I ain't talking politics" when he and Mrs. Garner stopped here briefly Saturday en route to Washington for the Uvalde, Tex., home.

Garner appeared in high spirits as he shook hands with a group of well-wishers, including E. B. Germany of Dallas, state Democratic chairman and co-chairman of the Garner-for-President committee.

Grade Crossing Aid Funds Are Granted

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The federal Works Agency Saturday allocated \$150,000,000 to 48 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Hawaii for highway improvement and elimination of grade crossings.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

SAN BENITO—Mr. and Mrs. Aug Pfeiffer, San Benito, have as their Christmas holiday guests Mr. Pfeiffer's sisters, Mrs. John Ventler of Ashton, Ill., Mrs. William McClannahan, and Mrs. William Fritts, of Dixon, Ill.

Tuskegee Reports Lynching Decrease

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—(AP)—Only three lynchings, a sharp decrease from former years, have occurred in the United States in 1939, as far as the department of records and research of Tuskegee Institute has determined.

Condensed Statement of the First National Bank At Brownsville

Brownsville, Texas
At the close of business December 31, 1939

RESOURCES
Loans and discounts \$1,281,229.33
Banking house, furniture, fixtures 163,800.00
Other real estate 20,001.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 9,400.00
Other stocks and bonds 10,000.00
State, county, municipal securities 27,117.69
Cash in vault and with other banks \$1,410,839.53
U. S. Government securities owned \$ 724,500.00 \$2,135,339.53
Other resources 2,959.16
TOTAL \$3,649,846.71

LIABILITIES
Capital stock \$ 250,000.00
Surplus fund 62,500.00
Undivided profits 10,129.75
Reserve for contingencies 5,382.46
Dividends unpaid 1,175.00
Deposits 3,308,910.03
Other liabilities 11,749.47
TOTAL \$3,649,846.71

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FLOWERS FOR CITY URGED

San Benitans Asked To Use Poinsettia

SAN BENITO—Recommendation by the city commission of San Benito that citizens engage in growing poinsettias for home beautification is another instance of co-operation city officials are giving at various Valley points in beautification projects. The recommendation for planting of the Christmas flower followed the presentation at a recent meeting of a report by S. K. Elder, park superintendent.

Special interest had been stirred because of the poinsettia project on the city park north of the post office, which, now two years old, is attracting widespread attention.

In his report to the commission Mr. Elder related the history of the poinsettia which he says is botanically known as "Poinsettia purcherrima," a shrub of the genus euphorbia, a botanical family of 750 species.

"Tradition links its family name to that of Euphorbus, who was a physician to King Juba of Numidia."

"Named Poinsettia in honor of Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett of Charleston, South Carolina, the plant was first introduced in this country when he served as the first American minister of the Republic of Mexico in 1823. Dr. Poinsett brought a cutting as a gift to his friend, Robert Buist, a prominent Philadelphia nurseryman. From this humble beginning cuttings began to be distributed to all parts of this country as well as to Europe."

"Originally a native of Central America and the East Indies, this vivid tropical plant blossoms most lavishly here during December and January. Because its red and green are Christmas colors, it has become naturally a popular Christmas flower. Although Americans have borrowed most of their traditional greens from across the ocean, such as the gaily bedecked trees from the Teutons; mistletoe from the Norsemen and the holly from England, these radiant poinsettias are a completely American innovation."

RAIL INCOME SHOWS JUMP

Gulf Coast Revenues Are Announced

McALLEN—Operating revenues for the Gulf Coast Lines during November, 1939, were \$1,194,556, compared to \$1,121,486 for November, 1938, and \$1,201,549 for November, 1937, according to information received here Saturday from the Missouri Pacific News Service, St. Louis.

Freight revenues for November, 1939, were \$1,095,354 compared to \$1,089,715 for November, 1937. Passenger revenues amounted to \$32,766 in November, 1939, \$35,754 in November, 1938 and \$44,827 in November, 1937.

Net railway operating income for November, 1939, was \$138,282, compared with a net railway operating income of \$93,508 in November, 1938 and a net railway operating income of \$80,621 in November, 1937.

Operating revenues for 11 months of 1939 amounted to \$13,604,336 compared with \$12,908,924 for the same period of 1938 and \$14,538,865 for 11 months of 1937.

Freight revenues for 11 months of 1939 were \$12,486,750, compared with \$11,817,298 for 11 months of 1937.

Passenger revenues for 11 months of 1939 were \$447,738 for the same period of 1938 and \$509,545 for 11 months of 1937.

Net railway operating income for 11 months of 1939 is \$2,240,738 compared with a net railway operating income of \$1,598,055 for the same period of 1938 and \$2,816,697 for the same period of 1937.

El Jardin Students Get Extra Day Off

BROWNSVILLE—El Jardin school students, more fortunate than some others, are to be given a reprieve of an extra day for the Christmas holidays.

The students are not to return to school until Wednesday at 8:35 a. m. Bruce Underwood, superintendent, said Saturday. Schools in Brownsville open Tuesday morning.

Plant Pioneer Is Honored By Vote

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—A pioneer in the development of entirely new farm and decorative plants Saturday was elected to the presidency of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Albert F. Blakeslee, geneticist of the Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., laboratory of the Carnegie Institution of Washington will succeed Dr. Walter B. Cannon of Harvard University at the meeting of the Association in Philadelphia in December, 1940.

OBITUARY

DR. LUTHER W. BOWMAN

McALLEN—Dr. Luther W. Bowman, retired physician who had been making his home here for the past three and one-half years, died at City Hospital Friday evening.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rena Bowman; three daughters, Mrs. P. C. McDonald of New York, Mrs. Harold Shannon of Monarch, Mont., and Mrs. C. J. Rousseau of Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, M. E. Bowman of Calispul, Mont., and two sisters, Mrs. Peter Peterson of Stanton, Neb., and Mrs. John Gilmore, Hayes Springs, Neb.

Interment will be in Alliance, Neb. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Kreidler Funeral Home.

RICARDO ESCAMILLA

BROWNSVILLE—Funeral services for Ricardo Escamilla, 72, who died at 11:45 a. m. Thursday, were held at 11 a. m. Friday at the Immaculate Conception church, with interment in the city cemetery, under the direction of Delta Funeral Home.

Surviving is a daughter, Miss Guadalupe Escamilla.

MRS. GARZA

BROWNSVILLE—Funeral services for Mrs. Herlinda G. de Garza Brownsville, who died at 3 p. m. Friday, were held at 3:30 p. m. Saturday, with interment in the old city cemetery.

She is survived by an adopted daughter, Miss Esther Cavazos Guerra; a brother, Ignacio Guerra; three sisters, Mrs. Esther G. de Majilla, Mrs. Elvira G. de Champion and Mrs. Aurora G. de Davila; and other relatives.

FSA MEETING IS SCHEDULED

Avoiding Foreclosure Is Main Object

EDINBURG—Opportunity to get their land arid chattel indebtedness in condition to begin their 1940 work free from danger of foreclosure will be offered county farmers at the meeting of the county farm debt adjustment committee to be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, January 10, at the Farm Security Administration office at Edinburg, Preston B. Grissom, county supervisor, announced Saturday.

"The committee has been quite successful in working out voluntary agreements between farmers and their creditors permitting the farmers to continue to farm and eventually pay their debts," Grissom said. "This is done by the committee determining an orderly repayment schedule which the farmer can meet and which takes advantage of time extensions, amortizations, scale-downs of principal and interest, and reductions in interest rate granted by creditors."

"The committee considers every case on its own merits and its services are free and confidential," he said. "Farmers needing its help should go to the county FSA office or to one of the committeemen, or they might appear at the meeting."

Members of the committee are Dozier C. Abney, Howard Wright, and W. M. Doughty.

BACK FROM TRIP

RAYMONDVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson and Doris Jean have returned from spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry in Liberty Hill. A reunion dinner at the grandparents' home, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Perry, numbered 47 relatives—all from within the state of Texas.

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RAIL EXPRESS LAUDS CITRUS

Booklet Is Issued Over The Nation

BROWNSVILLE—Railway Express has issued a leaflet throughout the nation advertising Valley citrus as "luxury at low cost," it was learned here Saturday.

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To the many thousands of customers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley whose

friendly support during the year just closing has contributed so greatly to our welfare, we extend cordial and appreciative thanks. May we anticipate the pleasure of serving you throughout the coming year . . . and in years to come. It is our hope that the future holds for you an abundant measure of happiness and prosperity.



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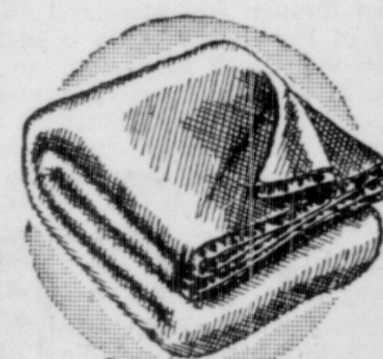
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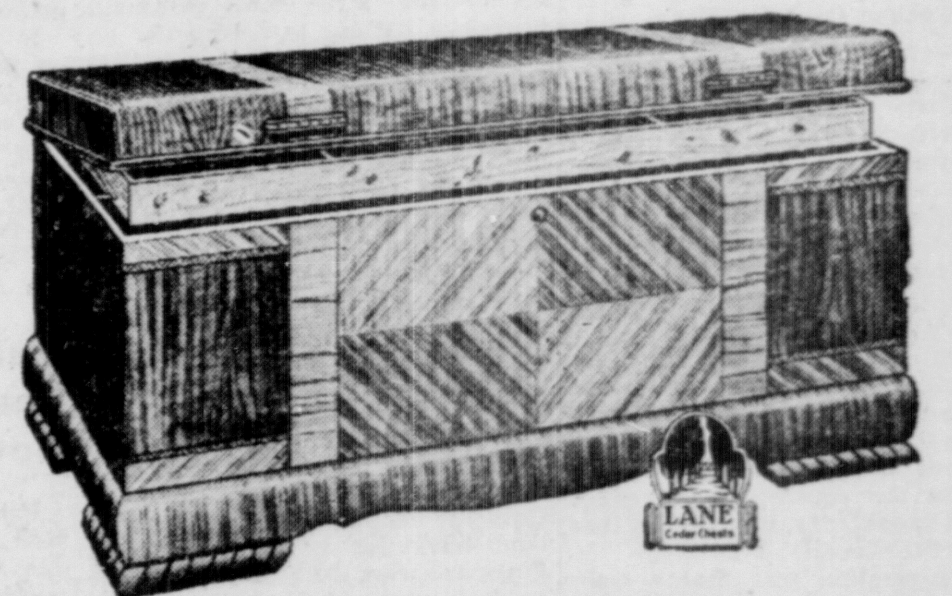
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BOY SCOUTS AT MISSION GET AWARDS

99 Advancements Are Handed Out

MISSION—Exactly 99 advancement awards were presented last week to scouts of three Mission Boy Scout troops in what is believed to be the largest honor court ever conducted in Mission. Directed by R. R. Sheeler, advancement chairman of the Mission Boy Scout district, the court was held at the First Methodist Church and attended by parents of the scouts and friends of the scouting program.

Included in the awards made were advancements to star, first class and second class ratings, the presentation of two special awards and of 71 merit badges.

Advancements to star scout were made to Scouts Jackie Green and Bobby Williams, troop 25; Luciano Guerra, Johnny Burboa, Raul Lopez, and Thurman G. Riera, troop 26; Judge W. R. Bialek made the presentation.

First class scout awards were made by E. E. Marburger to Scouts Monica de la Santa, Zelma Hinojosa, Ramon Lugo, and Antonio Lugo, all of troop 26.

Second class awards were presented by Joe T. Cook to Scouts Francisco, Thomas McNeil, Jr., and J. C. Worcester, troop 18; Jose O. Barerra, Jesus Duran, Rodrigo Guerra, Eligio de la Santa, Felipe Garcia Jr., and Jose Ramon Nolasco, all of troop 25; Billy Barton, Lloyd Baker, Victor Blott, Jimmy Dean Wilson, Jimmy Rome, Herbert Melch and Sherwood Stuart, all of troop 22.

In troop 22, merit badge certificates were awarded to Marvin Davis, dog care, Sidney Matlock, music, Carl Wark, auto, bird study, cooking, civics, business and physical development.

Awards in troop 26 went to Luis Barerra, bookbinding, painting, interpreting, woodcrafting, Johnny Burboa, interpreting, pathfinding, pioneering, Noe Gomez, pathfinding, religious, bookbinding, civics, auto, woodcrafting, Manuel Guerra, interpreting, pathfinding, auto, woodcrafting, Laszaro Hinojosa, pathfinding, Ramon Lugo, pathfinding, interpreting, carpentry, civics, auto, woodcrafting, Bobby Williams, interpreting, public health, drama home planning, handicraft, bookkeeping.

In troop 25, awards went to Lloyd Baker, citizenship, pathfinding, Victor Blott, pathfinding, Billy Barton, pathfinding, Jimmy Rome, pathfinding, Edward Sheeler, pathfinding, Jackie Green, cooking, interpreting, pioneering, Sherwood Stuart, pathfinding, Bobby Williams, cooking, interpreting, pioneering, Bill Wagner, chemistry.

Two special awards were presented by Frank Coulter, district commissioner. They were an organizing award to Carl Wark, troop 18; and a five-year service award to Felipe Garcia, scouter in troop 20. Heber Marcell presented the merit badges.

Assisting Sheeler in conducting the honor court were Joe Wallace, Bill Wark, Dr. David Welch, Neil Brindley, Calvin Friedrichs, and James Brindley.

TAX SEIZURE MEET IS SET

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bility of summary sales procedure. During the discussion Friday Mr. Agar's interpretation of the supreme court ruling was questioned by William Scanlan, assistant county attorney sitting in on the session. He questioned also whether clear title to property could be obtained under summary sales procedure.

Tucker Suggests Move

Another question raised was whether property could be sold to individuals under either summary sales or court suit, with the present taxes levied each year. It was pointed out that a few of the tax sales after court suit, which have involved about 3,000 pieces of property in recent years, have resulted in the taxing districts buying in the property.

James Tucker, former state accountant and at present a representative of a Chicago bond agency, who was present at the meeting, suggested the first move to lower taxes in the county be to reduce bonded indebtedness to fit the true value of the land.

His suggestion was that a committee of taxpayers and bondholder representatives might be able to reach an agreement to reduce excessive tax loads.

No Maximum Rate

Water districts which are not serving their residents especially were pointed out, some of which each year levy bond taxes in excess of the property's ability to produce revenue.

Water, drainage and navigation districts have no maximum tax rate, it was pointed out.

Mr. Tucker declared if an agreement could not be made between taxpayers and bondholders it might be better for the county if the bondholders took over the land and began paying taxes on it.

Dancy Presides

The session brought opinions from all commissioners present that the people of the county would be quick to cooperate if a feasible solution to the delinquent tax and bonded indebtedness problems was presented.

Cameron County Judge Oscar C. Dancy presided over the meeting, with Commissioners T. A. Kinder of Brownsville, A. A. Kinnell of Harlingen and Charles Morris of San Benito present.

Mother Is Proud

WEST ORANGE, N. J.—(P)—Mrs. Mina Edison Hughes, widow of inventor Thomas A. Edison and mother of Charles Edison, Saturday night described as "very wonderful" her son's appointment as secretary of the navy.

Goofy Humor Keeps America Sane During War Jitters

War-Torn 1939 Brings Thrills And Chills, But Americans Laugh To Keep Balar.cce

CHICAGO—(P)—Goofy things that happened to man and beast helped keep Americans sane during the jitters in war-torn 1939.

The antics of man's best friend—the dog—strange doings of the poor fish, and even the "pink elephants" that thundered around the bedposts in the hallucinations of inebriates, all contributed to the comic relief so necessary for emotional stability at a time when much of the world was engaged in life-death struggles.

The stubbornly resisting Finns reported they halted 200,000 Russians one chilly night in December when down in Borneo, Ind., John Smeltzer lost 16 chickens by a dog's cold nose.

Chicken raiser Smeltzer awakened in the night, and thought he heard thieves in his hen house. Clad only in his underwear, he ventured into the night, his trusty shotgun in hand, and his faithful dog at his heels. The cold nose touched Smeltzer's bare leg. Smeltzer jumped. The gun went off. The casualties were the 16 chickens. The thieves? There weren't any.

Gloomy news was pouring in from war-torn Poland when there was a sudden plunk, and George Stoflet, announced in Reading, Pa., that a 12-inch trout, had landed at his feet—already fried. He explained that the poor fish wriggled free from a heron winging

overhead, but struck a high tension wire and was nicely cooked by 66,000 volts.

The "pink elephants" jumped into the news picture in Boston when a doctor reported that they were being gradually ousted as big shots in the alcoholic's parade of animals by dogs and snakes, and occasionally a whale of a hippopotamus—on the same day the German government ruled that Germany's funny men on the stage would have their jokes censored to avoid any derision of Nazism.

An automobile whizzed down a busy Temple, Tex., street, ripped off the pants of a pedestrian and left him standing there in his long

underwear the same day the news came from Paris that the French consul had been ordered to leave Barcelona.

It was the publication of items such as this, simultaneously with the deadly serious news that furnished an "escape mechanism" for many Americans, Dr. Conrad Sommer, director of the Illinois Society for Mental Hygiene, explained today. Dr. Sommer said: "Human beings can stand only a limited amount of suffering. When the limit is about to be exceeded we must supply ourselves with one of the many escape mechanisms we have developed. Humor is one of these."

WOMAN CHIEF
IS CONVICTED

Publisher Is Charged In Fraud Case

NEW YORK—(P)—Catherine McNelis, a bachelor business woman who created one of the most successful magazine publishing enterprises in America, was convicted by a federal jury Saturday of defrauding her advertising clients of about \$1,000,000.

The president of Tower Magazine, Inc., a plain-looking, stocky, brown-haired woman of about 40, set her jaw grimly, betraying no emotion, as she heard the verdict.

The company published seven magazines—Illustrated Love, Illustrated Detective, Home, Mystery, Serenade and two radio publications—from 1933 to 1935, when the firm became bankrupt.

The government contended it charged advertising rates based on a claimed monthly circulation of more than 1,250,000 copies whereas the actual circulation, the government said, was between 500,000 and 900,000.

WAR MARS
1940 ABOARD

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flits except as Canada arms for her share in the Franco-British war with Germany, was there any assurance of peace. The rest of the globe was at war or closely threatened by war.

Nevertheless, tragic 1939 goes out with peace hopes blossoming. Underlying every pacific move by the White House, the Vatican or by temporal and spiritual leaders elsewhere lay one solid significant fact. It is that in the four months of war between Germany and the Allies, battle casualties have been strangely few, and there has been no air blasting or non-combatant populations.

Out of that circumstance stems the greatest hope that peace will come before the gruelling passage of years wears down peoples through starvation and perhaps threatens civilization with extinction.

The risk of stirring public opinion within their own borders through casualty rolls mounting day by day has been too great for leaders of the three most powerful European nations to dare order an attack. The risk of terrible retaliation for air-bombing of cities has been too great for that last frightfulness of modern war to be let loose.

Reduced to figures, the hope of Early peace in Europe rests on the fact that four months of the German-French-British war has resulted in fewer fatalities than the toll exacted by a convulsive shiver of mortal earth in Turkey. That earthquake in Anatolia cost perhaps tens of thousands of lives. The losses in Europe's "big war," as officially stated toward the year end, do not approach any such total.

Only the deaths in Poland and Finland have yet brought either of Europe's wars fully home to the consciousness of the peoples involved.

Quake More Fatal

There is no summary of property damage in the Anatolian earthquake. First reports of cities devastated suggest that even that might be greater than the aggregate of four months' destruction of ships and cargoes in the European war. And it is on ships and sailors that the real brunt of the fight has fallen so far.

Potentially, home public opinion is exercising a restraining influence upon the war ashore. Potentially, too, world public opinion is being mobilized, under neutral leadership, to demand that there shall soon be an end of the war and that the peace shall be just and lasting.

Mexican Finance Minister Silent On Politics While Stopping In Valley

Rumors Tell Of New Shifts Among Officials

BROWNSVILLE—Genial Eduardo Suarez, Mexican minister of finance, who is rumored to be the next Mexican ambassador to the United States, parried with reporters here Friday afternoon, and as usual they got nothing... except smiles.

"I'm going to New York purely on a pleasure trip," the tall, pleasant voiced Mexican executive said.

He changed planes at the Brownsville airport enroute north in the midst of a Mexican political shake-up, however, at a time when rumors were flying tall and fast.

Smiles at Rumors

"Those Mexico City rumors," he continued, "ah, but they fly far and wide from Mexico City."

Rumor No. 1 is that Dr. Francisco Castillo Najera, Mexican ambassador to the United States, who is returning to Mexico City on Sunday, is to accept General Eduardo Hay's post of secretary of foreign relations.

Questions of the reorganization of the Cardenas government to insure neutrality during approaching political campaigns, also brought only smiles from Senor Suarez.

Asked if he was enroute north to relieve Doctor Najera of the ambassadorship or perhaps arrange for silver purchases, or in connection with the peso, brought the reiteration that "My trip is only for pleasure."

The minister was accompanied by his charming wife.

Many at Plane

Meeting them at the Brownsville airport were H. W. Goforth, American consul at Matamoros; Henry Krause, American vice consul at Matamoros; Mrs. Krause; Mexican Consul Carlos A. Calderon, Chancellor S. M. Pereyra; Reynaldo Garcia, consulting attorney to the Mexican consulate, all of Brownsville; Cino Garcia, chief of the Mexican customs, Matamoros, and others.

The 18th of March repatriation colony near Matamoros was discussed by Minister Suarez and Consul Calderon. The minister showed considerable interest, and was impressed.

In fact, Minister Suarez said that on his return to Mexico City he would stop over in Brownsville for two or three days and visit the Mexican repatriation colonies near Matamoros.

Mr. and Mrs. Suarez arrived here by Pan American Airways and left for New York shortly after by Eastern Air Lines.

Yearly Screen Review
Featured In Arcadia
News Reel Monday

Using George Washington's Farewell Address as the theme of the age of experience in talking to youth, Paramount's annual screen review of 1939 news events will be presented at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen Sunday and Monday.

The issue of Paramount News is dedicated to the Youth Movement of America, lasts 14 minutes, and runs as a special New Year's feature with "Destiny Rides Again" co-starring James Stewart and Marlene Dietrich.

THE WEATHER

THE VALLEY: Generally fair Sunday, Monday partly cloudy and warmer; light to moderate variable winds on the coast becoming southerly.

ARIZONA: Fair Sunday and Monday, warmer northeast portion Sunday.

NEW MEXICO AND WEST TEXAS: Fair Sunday and Monday, warmer Sunday.

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy in north, generally fair in south portion, colder in extreme north portion Sunday; Monday partly cloudy, warmer in east and south portions. Light to moderate variable winds on the coast becoming southerly.

The Tides

The tides for Sunday: High tides at 6:12 a.m. and 7:56 p.m. Low tides at 1:33 a.m. and 12:37 p.m.

ANNOUNCING
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TOURISTS TO MEET MONDAY

Calendar At McAllen Full This Week

McALLEN—Winter tourists will start the New Year off with a bang in McAllen Monday with eight regular events on the week's calendar in addition to the Automobile Tourists Association program now in progress.

The Hobby Club will meet Monday at 2 p.m. in the club room at the Chamber of Commerce building with a display of special hobbies. Flower making will be demonstrated during the afternoon.

"The Cavalcade of Texas" will be shown Tuesday afternoon and night at the Palace Theatre. At 8 p.m., special games will be staged in the club room and in the park, and at 4 p.m., the conducted tour to Reynosa for a wild game dinner will leave.

Special games are scheduled Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the club room, with the "Cavalcade of Texas" again showing.

The conducted tour to Mier, Mexico, will leave at 9 a.m. Thursday. Tourists are asked to take their lunch and water. At 7:30 p.m., the "tourist talent" show will be given with the regular part at Legion Hall. Students from Schwingel Studio also will entertain.

A conducted tour to Lindsay Gardens and other fruit ranches is set for 2 p.m. Friday and at 11 a.m. Saturday a steak fry and wiener roast will be held in the highway park on the Military highway. Everybody is asked to take lunch. Steaks and coffee will be furnished.

Republican Winner
Of Congress Seat

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—(P)—Voters of Tennessee's second congressional district chose John Jennings, Jr., 59-year-old Knoxville attorney, Saturday to fill the unexpired term of the late Rep. J. Will Taylor, a republican.

With virtually complete unofficial returns in from nine of the district's 11 counties, Jennings, republican candidate, received 13,056 votes to 8,790 for his democratic opponent, Hammond Fowler of Rockwood.

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DOPE TRIAL IS
TO BE HEARD

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an employee of Bretz, and Robert Goforth, 17, a Brownsville junior college student.

Young Goforth, the son of H. W. Goforth, American consul at Matamoros, waived a scheduled hearing Saturday. He was released to the custody of his parents late Friday in accordance with the juvenile act.

Out On Bond

Bretz and Hinojosa have been released on \$1,000 bond each while Liles is expected to make similar bond. Bond for Liles and Bretz had been originally set at \$1,500 each, and Hinojosa's at \$2,500, but were reduced Friday afternoon by Commissioner Watson.

Emory W. Clapper, federal narcotic agent, Houston, who swept down recently on several South Texas physicians for alleged unlawful sale of narcotics, led the Valley investigation.

Hinojosa and Goforth were said to have been apprehended at Corpus Christi while Liles and Bretz were taken into custody here.

Klondikes Warned By Chief Injustice

The chief injustice indicated that he would probably sentence Klondike Abney to a public shaming.

"We're going to herd those other Klondikes before the court, one by one," he continued. "Wild beards will not be tolerated. If whiskers are not trimmed according to true Chorro style, then it will be the court for them."

Chief Injustice Peri warned further that those who have not started beards will be sentenced to the "cooler" for a few days so that the whiskers can be given a good start.

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FIVE-AND-TEN BUYER PLANS VALLEY HOME

McALLEN—A northern booster of the Valley's lures was a weekend visitor here, completing plans to build a home in the Valley with a view to establishing a permanent residence.

The visitor was A. C. Secord of Detroit, Mich., general buyer for the Kresge five and ten cent store, a national concern, who arrived at the Brownsville airport Friday morning on his twelfth annual visit to the Valley.

Owner of 200 acres of citrus property at the Engelman Gardens development, Mr. Secord, during his visit here, spent a lot of time with Carol Tenner, McAllen architect, completing plans for the home he hopes in the future to make his permanent residence.

During his Valley visit Mr. Secord was accompanied by Tom Casey of McAllen.

According to Casey, the Valley owes the Michigan man "a debt of gratitude for the quantity of advertising he does." Every year, Casey said, Mr. Secord ships an enormous amount of gift fruit over the nation and places in each basket literature advertising the Valley and McAllen.

22 degrees, coldest for the winter. Chicago's cold low was about 20 degrees, with snow expected. At Hannibal, Mo., a low of 6 above was reported, and most of the state was covered with 10 inches of snow.

Minneapolis went through the coldest day of the season, one above zero, and colder weather was forecast Sunday. At International Falls, Minn., it was 16 below.

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SNOW IN NORTH

Snow measured anywhere from a bare trace at Binghamton, N. Y., an inch and a half at Baltimore and three inches in New Jersey to four and a half in Boston. There was virtually no disruption of traffic in these places.

Generally fair and cold weather prevailed in the southern states from the Carolina coast to Oklahoma and Texas. Atlanta registered

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War Or Peace, Business Will Improve In 1940 Says Babson

First Six Months Will Be Best In Ten Years

Taxes And Living Costs Will Remain About The Same, Says Famous Expert

BABSON PARK, Mass.—War or peace, business in the first half of 1940 will be the best for any six months' period since 1929. Jobs, wages, farm prices, business profits, and dividends should all turn in big gains over a year ago. They should even average higher than in the three months' period just closing. At the same time no sharp gains are in the cards for either taxes or living costs. Considering all factors, therefore, I predict that we will come closer to "good times" in early 1940 than in any half year since 1929.

Readers will say that I am going pretty far out on the limb with this forecast in view of the trouble and uncertainty times. War, election, neutrality, labor, Congress, taxes—these are just a few of the clouds lowering over the 1940 horizon. Business men, investors, and workers are more confused and worried today than on any year-end since the World War. Despite all these uncertainties, however, my forecast is not as rash as it at first sounds.

As the certain rises on 1940, the Babsonchart Index of Business will be hovering around 115. To be the best first half since 1929, business must average 10 to 15 per cent above the first six months of 1939. In terms of the Babsonchart index, that means an average of 112. That is a pretty high level, but remember that business must operate at a high level well into the first quarter merely to fill orders now on hand. Business could fall back to as low as 106 on the Babsonchart by June and still bring up the best first half since 1929 before adjustments for population gains.

Big First Quarter

Leaving the "ifs" and "could's" out of the picture, my forecast is that business will travel at high speed in early 1940. The first half should average 10 to 15 per cent above the same months of 1939. It looks now, however, as though the trend might turn down from current high levels as the months work along. My guess is that activity will be lower early next summer than it is now.

I use the word "guess" literally, too. Any forecast beyond June 30, 1940, at this time, is a mere guess. No man—not even Hitler or Stalin—knows what will happen abroad in the second half of next year. Add to this world confusion, our domestic uncertainties, particularly the presidential election. Only a crystalgazer or a fortune-teller could aspire to give you an answer now to either the war or the election. Hence, for the first time in two decades I dare not make, at the New Year period, a specific forecast for more than the first half of the coming year.

Two Possibilities Second Half

Strange as it sounds, right now I think there are only two possibilities for the second half. (1) A rip-roaring boom or (2) a sickening crash. After the nominations are in, we should be able to tell which of these two developments will take place. Hence, I shall not give readers my definite forecasts for jobs, wages and business in the second half of 1940 until June. In the meanwhile, no one will make any money by worrying about late 1940. The successful people next year will be those who take advantage of the great opportunities of the early months. For ten years we have waited for "good times" to come back. They are here now but nobody seems to want to do anything about them. Fears and uncertainties should be forgotten for a few months. Certainly, anyone who is primarily worried about Congress is fretting unnecessarily.

Don't Worry About Congress

Despite the war, it looks as though the 1940 session of Congress would be a typical election-year affair. Most Washington observers are forecasting a brief routine session enlivened only by pre-election warm-ups and patriotic tub-thumping. No new reform or anti-business laws will be passed. Only major legislation which has a chance is pro-business, including amendment of the (1) Wagner Labor Act, (2) Modification of the Wage and Hour Act, and (3) the passage of the Mead Credit Bill.

I am reasonably sure that no new federal taxes will be imposed. Pay-as-you-go talk in December is one thing—action by Congress next Spring is another. Secretary Wallace would like to see the processing taxes revived under some type of sugar-coating—but this wouldn't be good politics in an election year. You can bet your bottom dollar, however, that the total share of your income taken by Uncle Sam—counting both income and hidden taxes—will not be a penny less than in 1939.

Record Spending

But, because taxes are being "frozen," do not imagine that an economy wave is sweeping Washington. It definitely is not. Farmers' benefit payments will be almost as big as in 1939. Relief costs will still be heavy despite increased jobs. Outlays for defense will break all records—up half a billion dollars over 1939. If there is any paring down of expenses it will be done purely for window-dressing purposes. Net result will be another whopping deficit for the Treasury—as big, or bigger than, in 1939.

Hence, the Roosevelt Administration will come down the straightaway of its last year with the eighth consecutive deficit and a National Debt of nearly \$45,000,000,000—up \$20,000,000,000 since 1933. It will be a sorry record indeed for a President who chided his predecessor's administration as "being the most extravagant and reckless of any peace-time government anywhere, at any time." Despite this record, Mr. Roosevelt is still popular with the majority of

voters. They particularly like his foreign policy and his mammoth defense program.

Heavy Industries 1940's Spark Plug

This record-breaking defense program is just one of the four props under 1940 business. (1) Trade gains with neutral countries, (2) rising buying power in cities and on farms, and (3) a heavy industries boom are the other supports which will hold business at a high level. Most important of all these is the renaissance in the heavy goods industries. In the boomlet of 1938-37, the consumers' goods industries furnished the drive. Today the burden has been shifted to the broad shoulders of such industries as steel mills, railway equipment shops, and machinery makers.

For five years we have tried to get the heavy industries going. That's where most of our unemployment has been. So the upswing in these "Big Businesses" will be the all under jobs in early 1940. Employment in the heavy industries should increase, but there may be some layoffs in certain consumer industries. As a result, total number of jobs in early 1940 will be only slightly higher than at present. No real inroads on unemployment are in prospect. After schools and colleges dump their crop of graduates on the market next June, unemployment may well be higher than it is today.

Higher Payrolls, More Strikes

Payrolls are another story. They should be 20 to 25 per cent bigger than in the same months of 1939 and even moderately higher than at present. Wages will be pushed up where union pressure is strongest while the Wage and Hour Act will force up weekly income where overtime is concerned. With business riding the crest of the wave, it is only logical to expect more strikes. I doubt, however, if there will be any serious tie-ups such as we had in 1937. Right now it looks like the aviation industry is the odds-on favorite to provide the labor trouble headlines.

These plants—and nearly all others—will be running under forced draught. Machine shops, locomotive and car shops, construction outfits, and shipyards will be working at top speed in the next few months. Soft coal miners will be much busier than a year ago. Metal mines are slated for a big six months. Steel mills should average above 80 per cent of capacity. More autos than in any similar period in three years will trundle off the assembly lines—well over 2,000,000. Railroads are in for their best first half year since 1930.

Let Down For Consumer Lines

Activity in chemical, electrical equipment, farm tool, furniture, paper, tire and rubber, and metal plants should top the early months of 1939. Use of electricity and petroleum products is destined to set new all-time records. A let-down from current boom levels in such consumer lines as textiles and shoes would not be surprising. Woolen and rayon plants, however, will continue full blast. With industrial activity wide open, service businesses will be in the clover and professional men will see the best collections in many months.

Steady to higher payrolls in industrial centers, therefore, should hold the purchasing-power spotlight. In addition, farmers will have more money to spend. I do not foresee any runaway gains in farm product prices such as we had in the World War. Yet, heavier demand and higher consumer buying power should bolster up prices to the tune of 10 per cent over the first half of 1939. Wheat, corn, and other grains will lead the parade. Fresh vegetable and potato farmers can look ahead to a good year.

Farm Income Up

Beef, lamb, and pork will not sell much higher than in the early months of 1939. I do not foresee any big gains in butter, cheese, eggs, milk, poultry, or fruits. Cotton exports are rising sharply and demand is tremendous. This indicates that King Cotton is getting a new lease on life. Consequently, farm income ought to be 10 per cent higher than in the same months last year.

The drought in the west is a very serious factor. The moisture situation is the worst on record at this season. If it gets no drier, rather than lower total farm income. But, a continuation of the drought, ridding production on all farms in 1940 may be close to the 1939 figure. The increase in prices will not be any gravy for the farmers, however. Their costs will go up, though perhaps not so much as their prices. With farm profits a bit better, farm land values should continue to edge up a little.

"Oomph" In Prices

In addition to higher farm prices, industrial raw materials should also push upward in early 1940. War, high industrial activity, and rising buying power will put the "oomph" in the price picture. Hides, cocoa, gasoline, and paint. Increases have the sharpest sugar, steel, lumber, wool, rayon, sugar, steel, lumber, and non-ferrous metals are a good bet assuming business activity keeps up. Coffee, hard coal, cement, and glass will do well to hold their own. One of the interesting

PATTERSON TO GET NEW TASK

Mission C-C Man Will Head Valley Unit

McALLEN—S. M. Patterson, manager of the Mission Chamber of Commerce, will be installed as president of the Valley Secretaries Association Wednesday at the regular dinner meeting at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in San Benito.

Secretaries will discuss a Valley citrus exhibit to be entered at the Texas and Southwestern Restaurant Association meeting at Dallas March 27, 28 and 29, at which restaurant owners from eight states will be present.

Gaston Wiley of McAllen is a committee member of the association from the Valley.

points about this current boom is the remarkable stability of prices of all kinds.

This desire to keep the lid on prices is good news for consumers. Their living expenses are not going to change much in early 1940. Food is the only hot spot. I will be surprised, however, if your weekly market bill next June is more than five per cent higher than it is now. Clothing will not advance more than five per cent. There is no reason to forecast serious advances in fuel oil, coal, or rents for the first half of 1940. Rising lumber and labor costs will make furniture a little more expensive. The sum total of all this means that living expenses should stiffen by only two or three per cent during the first six months of 1940.

Brisk Gains In Trade

With only a modest step-up in living expenses and an increase in consumer "intake," retail trade will be better. A gain of eight per cent sounds about right to me, if the increase is measured in dollars. Only about four per cent more goods will be sold, however—the other four per cent being accounted for by mark-ups on price tags. Luxury and semi-luxury lines should register the biggest step-up in sales if this past three months is any barometer.

Store profits ought to be satisfactory with inventories in fairly good shape. The successful merchants will be those who take advantage of the big opportunities of early 1940 by inflating their advertising budget. Promotion outlays should be upped at least 15 per cent. Those salesmen who have been faithfully doing their missionary work the last two years will cash in with the biggest commission checks since 1929.

Busy Period For Builders

Another key industry which should see big things in the next six months is construction. Building commissioners will be busy okaying 10 to 15 per cent more contracts than in the same period of 1939. Public building will be shaken down about 10 per cent, but this drop will be more than offset by big jumps in industrial and residential contracts. With factories straining every nerve to meet delivery dates, industrial building plans, shelved since 1937, are being trotted out. This type of construction should chalk up a 40 per cent gain over early 1939.

FHA "installment" loans are ready to give home building another shot in the arm. Costs may inch up, but they are not scheduled for any sharp advances. So it looks like a busy period ahead for building workers, contractors, architects, and the 26 allied industries which supply the building trades. Real estate men specializing in new, modern properties should witness better values and stiffening rents as the months work along. However, I see no hope for old, large houses, or other out-of-date buildings.

High Earnings; Big Dividends

Hence, the first half of 1940 promises to be a good period for most of us. I am particularly optimistic on investors' income. Business profits in early 1940 ought to be the best in three years in most lines—and the best in 10 years in other lines. Earnings will run 30 to 50 per cent over 1939. The heavy industries should report the biggest jump in profits—up 50 to 100 per cent—with consumer industry profits up 10 to 25 per cent. As a result investors are slated for some

Less Radio Interference

U. S. And Mexico Plan Better Air Control

MEXICO CITY—(AP)—Radio listeners in the United States, Canada and Mexico Saturday had the prospect that within a few weeks they would be able to tune in on their favorite stations without having them drowned out by broadcasts from the other countries using the same frequencies.

Senator Jose Davila, chairman of the communications committee which led the long fight that ended Friday in the senate's ratifying the North American regional broadcasting agreement, declared that would be one of the principal benefits of the new treaty.

The agreement to end radio interference among these nations was drafted at the first inter-American radio conference in Havana two years ago by the United States, Cuba, Canada, Mexico, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The failure of Mexico to approve the agreement until now had prevented its taking effect.

very pleasant dividend surprises—checks 25 to 50 per cent bigger than a year ago.

With a combination of high business volume and a bright outlook for profits and dividends, you would normally expect higher security prices. However, this is not only a strange war; it's a strange boom as well. Despite all the optimistic news, sentiment is bad. Investors refuse to buy under-valued stocks selling at 8 to 12 times earnings and yielding 5 to 10 per cent. Yet they stampede to buy the bonds of a government which has failed to earn its "charges" for 10 years, and which yield only one to two per cent!

Bullish On Stocks

Second-grade bond issues of concerns covering their interest comfortably are selling for 50 to 70 cents on the dollar while 3 1-2 per cent "Triple A" corporation bonds are gobbled up at prices to yield as little as three per cent. Some time—maybe not in the first half of 1940—but sooner or later, the bond market must take its medicine just as the stock market of 1928-29 had to take its knocks. So I am moderately bullish on carefully-selected stocks and medium-grade bonds for early 1940, but I am bearish on "high-grade," long-term bonds.

World commerce is all muddled up. You cannot make any strong forecasts about it. The best you can say is that our trade with Canada, South America and Italy will be the high-spot of the export and import picture in early 1940. Our commercial treaty with Japan expires on January 15. If it is not renewed our trade in the Pacific may be sharply curtailed. However, I think something will be worked out with the Japanese.

No War Forecast

No forecast on the war or its duration is possible at this time. It may be all over tomorrow, or it may drag on for years. The important point right now is to recognize that war's effect on business is being over-emphasized. So far, it has neither helped nor hurt American business. When, and if, fighting breaks out in earnest, Allied war orders will help our business. But under no circumstances would the belligerents buy as much from us as they did in 1915-17. The war is in no sense the major prop under our current boomlet. That's why I say, "War or peace, early

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NAVY SEEKS ENLISTMENTS

Drive Is Being Made For More Men

HARLINGEN — Due to the naval expansion program authorized by President Roosevelt, the navy enlisted personnel is being increased to 145,000 men. Robert A. Kern, in charge of Valley recruiting here, said Saturday.

"In order to man all of our combat ships 100 percent, this increase must be completed prior to June, 1940."

To accomplish this, each of the 35 navy recruiting district stations must enlist about 140 men a month. In view of the fact that these men must be hand picked, however, each district must have at least 1,700 applications a month.

Officer Kern cited the educational, and other advantages of the navy, its retirement benefits, travel and opportunity for a career.

Applications are being accepted daily at the Harlingen recruiting office from men between the ages of 18 and 31.

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Stock Ticker Says 'Hi' To Start Off New Year's Trade

NEW YORK —(AP)—"Hi!" said the stock ticker (maybe by way of friendly greeting to 1940).

Anyway that was the last thing the stock ticker said as the big gong rang in the stock exchange to end trading for 1939.

To be exact the ticker said "hi-3-7-8," by which brokers understood that a hundred shares of American Hide & Leather common stock had changed hands at \$3.87 a share.

Laredo Temperature Is Below Freezing

LAREDO, Tex. —(AP)—The coldest weather of the season dropped temperatures to 31 degrees here Saturday. There was a heavy frost and the cold damaged some tomato, sweet pepper and green bean crops. Most of the tomatoes of which about 650 carloads were shipped, were harvested before the freezing weather came.

McAllen Man Fined \$50 In Drunk Case

McALLEN — Marcel Sendejo of McAllen was fined \$50 and costs by Justice of the Peace T. J. Powell Saturday on charges of being drunk in a public place and disturbing the peace.

Officers took a knife caked with blood from Sendejo. His hands were cut and bleeding. An investigation was started to determine whether Sendejo had been in a fight with some one else.

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HARLINGEN, TEXAS

Hidalgo Gas Well Out Of Control, Shoots Hot Salt Water

WELL CAPPED OVER SEVEN MONTHS AGO

Owner Maps Plans To Control It

(See picture adjoining column)

McALLEN—Shooting a geyser of hot salt water 40 feet into the air, the Dayle L. Smith Oil Company No. 5 Fernandez gas well 22 miles west of here in Hidalgo county ran out of control Saturday while three state agencies and the well's owner mapped plans to bring it under control.

The well blew out several days ago after having been capped for seven months following its production of natural gas from sand at 4,013-26 feet. It was completed in November of 1930 on the 3,200-acre Fernandez pasture, which since has been sold to the First National Bank at Brownsville.

Ordered Closed

Mrs. Dayle L. Smith of McAllen, who drilled the well, said the railroad commission ordered her to close it in seven months ago, claiming the producer was wasting gas. On a four-inch valve, it was then producing 1,065,000 cubic feet of gas daily under 35 pounds of pressure, with a potential of 19,000,000 cubic feet daily.

She said wind a few weeks ago slightly moved the small working derrick over the test and this cracked a connection between the four-inch valve and a "knockout," a portion of the equipment which separated oil and gas from the producer. Pressure in the hole a few days ago succeeded in breaking the connection between the 7-inch casing and swedge, resulting in the blowout.

A workman on a well two miles away heard the blowout, declaring it "sounded like a cannon," and notified Mrs. Smith.

The owner is now making arrangements to send equipment to the scene and halt the flow of salt water. She explained the water sand was cored above the gas sand, and that when the well blew out the gas naturally forced production from the water sand up and out of the casing.

Water Is Hot

The flow, a solid seven-inch stream of water with a temperature of about 140 degrees, is trailing off southeast of the well in a series of small channels. Saturday the salt water had approached within a mile or a mile and a half of what is known as La Joya Lake, about a mile north of the state highway and two miles northwest of the Tabasco school between Mission and Rio Grande City.

The state railroad commission has been notified of the blowout, as have the state department of health and the state board of water engineers. Railroad commission men have not yet arrived at the scene, but R. N. Hancock of McAllen, county sanitarian, has sent a report on the well to the state health department and Charles Jones of Weslaco, game warden for the state game, fish and oyster commission, inspected the proximity of the salt water to La Joya Lake and also filed a report. The saline flow would contaminate the lake and ruin fishing there if water from the well finds its way into the former arroyo.

Clark Notified

Charles S. Clark of Austin, chairman of the state engineers' board, was notified of the blowout and consulted with the attorney general's department and the health board there.

One major oil driller in the county said it would probably cost about \$1,000 to bring the well under control.

No similar salt water "gusher" has been reported in the Valley for years.

Paralyzed Wrestler Likely To Recover

EL PASO—(P)—Giraldo Del Hierro, Cuban wrestling champion, was slowly battling his way back to health Saturday after being completely paralyzed in a fall eight days ago.

Wrestling at Carlsbad, N. M., Del Hierro's head was snapped down on a "pile driver" and he became paralyzed, only able to speak. Taken to El Paso the next day, doctors said a vertebra was impinging a nerve, which with a blood clot rendered him unable to control his muscles. He recently has been able to control his feet. Treatment is expected to completely remedy the condition.

AFL Charges Labor Chief Report Wrong

WASHINGTON—(P)—The American Federation of Labor accused Secretary Perkins Saturday night of misrepresenting the facts of the CIO-AFL dispute in her annual report to congress and suggested that a congressional committee summon the labor department head "and wring from her the truth she has suppressed."

In a sharply critical statement, President William Green of the AFL also took exception to Miss Perkins' references in her report to the numerical strength of the two labor organizations.

Japan leads the world in production of commercial synthetic fibers yet none of them were invented in Japan.

WHEN THE GEYSER SPOUTED



In the background of the above picture can be seen the 40-foot hot salt water geyser of the Dayle L. Smith Oil Company No. 5 Fernandez gas well 22 miles west of McAllen, which ran out of control Saturday. In the foreground is a river of hot salt water from the geyser. The solid seven-inch stream of water had a temperature of 140 degrees. See story in adjoining column.

M. C. NAMED FOR FIESTA

St. Claire-Fisher To Head Pageant

MISSION—Wilfred S. St. Claire-Fisher has been named as master of ceremonies for the coronation pageant which will officially open the reign of Miss Ferne Willingham as Queen Citiana VI. to rule over the Texas Citiana Fiesta when it is staged in Mission, January 12, 13 and 14.

Mrs. James Tipton, chairman of the coronation pageant, announced Mr. Fisher's acceptance of the post and pointed out its particular appropriateness since Mr. Fisher is pageantry chairman of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs.

All indications point toward a colorful series of social events to mark the season of the fiesta, honoring the queen and her courtiers. News reel men who are to film other events of the fiesta have requested the privilege of filming scenes at least one of the social events which will precede the coronation pageant, scheduled for Thursday evening, January 11, at the huge Tex-Sun plant in Mission. A Queen's Ball will follow the coronation.

Members of the coronation committee who are assisting Mrs. Tipton include Mrs. John Griffin, Mrs. Winston Jenkins, Mrs. Tom Vessels, Miss Quila Sammons and Mrs. Vernon B. Hill. They are in charge of developing the colorful theme which will portray the history of citrus through the motif of costumes worn by the queen, her duchesses, and ladies in waiting, through the thread of the pageant itself and in the floats on which the queen and 22 duchesses will ride in the Parade of Oranges, set for Friday morning, January 12.

Briton Says Allies To Continue Drive

LONDON—(P)—A British government spokesman said Saturday night that Adolf Hitler's New Year proclamation follows the well-worn line of German argument and added Britain and France intend to fight on until their goal of "stopping Hitler" is achieved.

Strike Is Continued By Yugo Slav Seamen

GALVESTON—(P)—Fourteen Yugo Slav seamen from the Yugo Slav freighter Kotar in port here continued on strike Saturday, with city police charges of looting and loitering against them, but the vessel started loading cargo by having shore firemen furnish steam.

The Yugo Slav seamen presented the master with a demand for war bonuses of \$500 per man shortly after the vessel arrived here last Sunday to load for Havre. The demand was refused, and Tuesday morning, when the vessel was to have started loading, crew members refused to get up steam for cargo-handling winches.

Calendar Big Help To Parole Violator

JUNEAU, Wis.—(P)—The calendar says there are only 30 days in April, so Benjamin Biggs of Flint, Mich., won't have to go back to Michigan to face a parole violation charge. The Michigan governor's requisition charged that the violation occurred April 31, 1935. Biggs' counsel pointed out the error in circuit court Saturday and won freedom for his client on a writ of habeas corpus.

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AGED TO GET NEW PENSIONS

Social Security Is To Begin Payments

WASHINGTON—(P)—The social Security Board estimated Saturday night that 900,000 men, women and children would share in the more than \$100,000,000 to be distributed next year under the revised Social Security Law.

The first checks, chairman Arthur J. Altmeyer said, will go out February 1, representing payments for January to retired elderly workers and their families.

Monthly Benefits

In a radio interview (NBC), Altmeyer said that the new social insurance program should make possible monthly benefits to a family ranging up to \$50 or \$60. That, combined with savings and other small income, should be sufficient to hold a family together, allow it to lead a "normal, self-reliant life," and keep off the relief rolls, he added.

To back up its old age pension checks, the government has \$1,400,000,000 collected by levies on payrolls. The original law would have boosted the rate of these taxes from one percent to one and one-half per cent beginning January 1, but, at its last regular session, congress revised the law to "freeze" the rate at the one per cent level until 1943.

\$39 Per Couple

The board estimated that old age pensions for single workers would average \$26 a month and for married couples, \$39.

Motorist Cited None Hurt In Crash Near Pharr

PHARR—Lupé Martinez, Hidalgo county resident, Saturday was cited to appear before Justice of Peace Robert Savage here Wednesday morning, in connection with a charge of violation of the law of the road, lodged against Martinez as a result of a collision Saturday afternoon on the highway between Pharr and McAllen.

None was injured in the collision between the Martinez car and that operated by Mrs. E. E. Draeger, Pharr, who suffered shock. Her car was slightly damaged, according to investigating officer George Murray, county patrolman.

In Judge Savage's court Saturday Mrs. M. L. Billman, 73, of Sharyland, was fined one dollar and costs on a charge of violating the law of the road. Charge grew out of an accident December 27 in which cars driven by Mrs. Billman and Jack Denton, Edinburg, collided. Denton was fined one dollar and costs, for operating a vehicle without a driver's license.

ILLINOIS VISITORS

HARLINGEN—Professor and Mrs. J. B. Corns from University of Illinois at Urbana, Ill., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Corns, in Harlingen.

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Texas Manufacturer To Be Buried Today

MIDLOTHIAN—(P)—James E. Dillard, 45, inventor of a kapok processing machine and head of a manufacturing company, died at his home here Saturday.

The funeral will be Sunday.

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NEW YEAR TO BRITONS DARK

See Prospects Of Major Battles

LONDON—(P)—Britons looking into the new year Saturday generally foresaw the beginning of "real war" with Germany by early spring and guessed that the conflict would last from six months to three years or more.

How it will end is the big question in all minds.

British Confident

But in all strata of British life supreme confidence in ultimate victory is expressed.

Four months of warfare took a heavy toll at sea, disrupted family life and business generally and brought hardships to the public.

That the war won't continue in its present form much longer is taken for granted here.

The conflict to date has been totally different from what the average man expected. He counted on blitzkrieg-sharp blows and quick horrifying air raids. The absence of such large-scale attacks enabled Britain and France to organize their war program with comparatively little interference except to shipping.

War Brings Change

Britons are to become more keenly aware of the war before the New Year is very old. Income and other taxes are going up. The first food rationing will start a week from Monday. Still more men will be called to the colors soon.

IN RAYMONDVILLE

RAYMONDVILLE—E. H. Marsh of Lewisburg, Tenn., has come to Raymondville for an indefinite period.

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Texans Drive More But Deaths Fewer

DALLAS—(P)—The Texas Safety Association Saturday reported that Texas motorists had driven 800,000,000 miles more than in 1938 while accomplishing an estimated four per cent reduction in deaths and injuries.

Cactus Garden Tour Is Scheduled Sunday

McALLEN—Members of the American Tourists Association in convention here planned a conducted tour to the Pirtle Cactus Gardens near Edinburg Sunday afternoon.

Feature on Monday's program will be the musical entertainment at Legion Hall with Will Gartland and his junior band performing. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gartland will take part. The entertainment is open to all tourists in the Valley. Time is 7:30 p. m.

The convention opened in McAllen Thursday for a 10-day session. The business meeting was conducted Friday, with the rest of the period devoted to pleasure.

The McAllen Chamber of Commerce Saturday received the following telegram from Karl Hale Dixon, editor of the Automobile and Trailer Travel Magazine of Chicago:

"My sincere greetings to the southwestern convention of the ATA. Greatly regret delayed delivery of my trailer prevented my participating, but I am with you in spirit and desire. Texas has much to offer trailerites. Hope all are enjoying it and hope to myself next season."

Dixon said he is publishing the McAllen program in the next issue of the travel magazine.

GUESTS LEAVE

RAYMONDVILLE—Dr. and Mrs. George Bennack left on Thursday for Pleasanton to take home their holiday guests, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Bennack.

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One was our discovery that there are very few high-priced things that can't be produced at a low price, if you're stubborn enough to stick to it until you find the way. We're finding new ways to do that right along.

Another was our discovery that you can pay high wages and cut the cost of your goods at the same time, without cheating on the quality of the product. That idea is pretty widely accepted today. Not as much as it might be, or as it will be in the future, but already it's the rule instead of the exception.

We have learned that stability of employment with every possible security for the worker is one of the most desirable things that can be achieved. We want to keep all our 120,000 men at work throughout the New Year if it is at all possible. And we have planned our production schedules

accordingly—to level out the peaks and valleys of production and employment.

Our payrolls are now the largest in recent years. Because the increased business of last year permitted it, we raised the wage rate of thousands of our men. We also put into effect a \$150,000,000 insurance plan for the benefit of our employees.

A lot of other things have resulted from the success of the low-priced automobile. The roads that have been built. The oil and gas and tire and service businesses that have grown up. The new markets that have been built up for farm products to be used as raw materials in industry. The freedom that people have to move around and see their country.

But the most important thing we have found in these thirty-seven years is that this country is always good to a business that never sells the country short—a business founded on the belief that this country is going steadily ahead, and is willing to invest everything it has in the future.

That is why our plant here at Dearborn is never completely "finished" in the way that a house is finished. That's why we are always rebuilding and adding to our facilities as we are, even now, to provide for the new tractor.

That's why we can say Happy New Year with confidence. We know that, no matter what happens, America will be able to review some more real progress at the end of 1940.

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LUBBOCK BEATS WACO FOR GRID TITLE

Plains Club
Rallies Late
For Victory

Cinderella Eleven
Wins For Coach

By HAROLD V. RATIFF
DALLAS. (AP)—Lubbock's gang-
way Westerners won the state school-
boy football championship over
Waco here Saturday in a dramatic
finish that brought a crowd of 21-
000 to its feet in a thunderous roar
for the "cinderella boys" of the
plains country.

The score was 20-14 and that just
about tells the story of a game as
thrill-packed as ever played in the
Texas interscholastic league—a
game the Westerners had dedica-
ted to their late coach, Weldon
Chapman, for whom they had taken
a vow not to meet defeat.

At half-time the Lubbock high
school band spelled out "Chap" on
the field. In the fourth quarter How-
ard Alford dashed through tackle
for the touchdown that won for
Chap—won for the man who was
still their coach although only in
spirit.

Westerners Rally
The Westerners—the ironmen of
interscholastic football—used but
one substitution to surge back when
Waco took a 14-13 lead and seemed
headed for victory.

It was Alford, the seat runner of
the Lubbock backfield, who got the
first touchdown.

It was a 35-yard drive, Cawthon
circling right end for 11 yards on
the much-eaten status-of-liberty
play. Joe Tyson and Alford getting
six on plunges and Alford racing
through a wide hole between tackle
and end for the touchdown. Tyson
kicked the goal.

Lubbock got another touchdown
on a 64-yard plunge in the second.
Francis Bearden, pindly-shanked
Lubbock end, bobbed up to inter-
cept Bob Burke's pass on the West-
erner 36. Jackson plunged for three,
Alford circled right end to race to
the Waco 40. Jackson made eight at
tackle. Tyson ripped the same place
for a first down on the Waco 23.
Waco was penalized five for too
many times out. Tyson got three
and on the next play drove to the
Waco 2-yard line. Then he plunged
for the touchdown but missed the
goal.

That miss began to look big by
the end of the third period because
Waco finally got its battered off-
ense under way. Francis Palattie,
the Tigers' mighty defensive back,
recovered Tyson's fumble on the
Lubbock 42. A holding penalty gave
Waco a first down. Orville Post, a
made-over wingman, plowed guard
for nine. Leo Blanton passed to
Palattie who raced to the Lubbock
23. Leverette Bowen made eight at
tackle. Palattie circled end to
drive to the Lubbock 8. Bowen got
to the four on an end run. Post
did not gain at center but Bowen
smashed to the Lubbock 2 1/2-yard
line and Palattie plowed over for
the counter. Bowen kicked the goal.

Tigers Take Lead
With three minutes of the
quarter left Waco staged a 37-yard touch-
down drive that gave it the lead.
Pete Cawthon punted outside on the
Lubbock 37. A fine run by Bowen
carried to the Lubbock 19 and Post
crashed over tackle to the Lubbock
12. Bowen and Palattie made it first
down on the Lubbock 8. Post got
three and Blanton ripped tackle for
a touchdown. Bowen then con-
verted.

Burke intercepted a pass on the
Waco 10-yard line to stop a Lub-
bock drive early in the fourth peri-
od and the Waco followers breath-
ed easier but the Westerners came
pounding back. Burke's punt was
short, going outside on the Waco 38.
On the first play the crashing,
spinning Alford cut over right
tackle, eluded a half-dozen tack-
les and ran to the touchdown that
brought Lubbock its first state
championship in history. Tyson
kicked the goal.

Lineups:
Waco: Pritchett, Pos, Lubbock: Bearden
Left End
Vogel Left Tackle Storrs
Spewel Left Guard Merriman
Gardner Center Sparkman
Schmenez Right Guard Chism
Meyers Right Tackle Farris
Post Right End Hill
McCollum Quarter Back Cawthon
Blanton Left Half Alford
Bowen Right Half Jackson
Palattie Full Back Tyson
Score by periods:
Waco 0 0 14 0-14
Lubbock 7 6 0 7-20
Waco scoring: Touchdowns, Pul-
latie, Blanton; points after touch-
down, Bowen 2.
Lubbock scoring: Touchdowns,
Alford 2, Tyson; points after touch-
down, Tyson 2.
Waco substitutions: Ends, Olson,
Howard; tackle, Lindsey; guards,
Crawen, Holliday, Dozier; backs,
Burke, Schwartz.
Lubbock substitutions: back, Wail-
ham.
Officials: Referee, Curtis, Texas;
Umpire, Higgins, Southern Method-
ist; Linesman, McCulloch, Texas
Christian; Field Judge, Sweeney,
Bethany.

FINE BLUFF IS WINNER
BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—The
Arkansas schoolboy champions from
Fambluff, one of the south's strong-
est and most well-balanced high
school football teams, Saturday shut
out Baton Rouge high's Bulldogs 26
to 0 in the Louisiana Sports Asso-
ciation's second annual "champion-
ship" game.

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S P O R T S

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Veterans Of Grid Wars Meet On Coast



Three pioneers of football, still active in various capacities, met in Los Angeles at the opening of the American Football Coaches' associated convention. Left to right are: Glenn S. "Pop" Warner of San Jose State; Fielding H. "Hurry Up" Yost of Michigan; and Amos Alonzo Stagg of the College of the Pacific.

Orange Bowl
Teams Ready
Missouri, Tech Set
Last Practices

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The Orange
Bowl fever hit this resort city Sat-
urday night.

While the Missouri and Georgia
Tech football teams got in their
last practice licks for the New
Year's Day game, thousands of
their supporters mingled with the
regular sun-bathing winter visitors
who have doubled Miami's normal
population.

Downtown streets and sidewalks
were jammed as the resorters
streamed in from the beaches and
the tropical park racetrack to ob-
tain vantage points for Saturday
night's Orange Bowl festival para-
de.

Miss Leila Norris, 17-year-old St.
Augustine girl, reigned as Orange
Bowl Queen in the principal float.
Ticket sales for the football game,
not yet a sellout (the stadium seats
38,000), blossomed.

Both coaches welcomed a drop in
temperature.

Coach Don Faurot took his Mis-
sourians. Big Six champions, to the
scene of battle for a bit of eleventh-
hour skulldugger. He barred even
newspapermen, saying he wanted
to try out some new plays in se-
cret.

Coach Bill Alexander of Georgia
Tech had his boys out for a light
practice and will let them get the
feel of the gridiron Sunday.

The experts predicted a free run-
ning and passing game, especially
in view of Tech's unorthodox fancy
style of playing.

Rodeo Slated
Events Will Begin
This Sunday

HARLINGEN—The second of a
series of Tourist Rodeos will be held
Sunday and Monday at the Arroyo
Rodeo Arena. Performances start
at 2:30 p. m. both days. The pro-
gram will include wild bronco riding,
Brahma bull riding, wild cow milking,
bulldogging, girls bronco riding,
ling, and calf roping. A large num-
ber of cowboys have arrived to con-
test for the cash prizes offered in
all events.

Such well known contestants as
Clinton Booth of Alvin, I. Woods,
Dilly, Allan Crainer and Herman
Bullock, Houston, Frank Rook and
Ward Moore of Woodboro, J. Row-
land, San Antonio, Heavy Henson,
Red Lodge, Montana; Earl Thomas
and Ed Evans of Raymondville, Dick
Gilliam and Dick Bryant of Edin-
burg, Jack Durry, McAllen, Tom
Cameron, Fank Sublett and Fred
Thomas of San Benito, will be on
hand.

The bucking horses belonging to
Tom Sloan of Piacas are to be
used in the bronco riding. Thirteen
head of pitching Brahmas will be
used in the bull riding event.
Brahma roping calves promise to
give the boys plenty of trouble in
the roping events. The manage-
ment promises a fast, snappy show
in which you will see the old west
live again.

Vols, Greenies
Are Favored
Former Ace End
West Team Has Many
Injuries Listed

McALLEN—Waddy Young, Uni-
versity of Oklahoma's All-American
end last year, dropped into town
Saturday and handed out a few
bowl game selections during a foot-
ball "bull session."

Waddy likes Tennessee over
Southern Cal. Tulane over the Tex-
as Aggies, Clemson over Boston
and Georgia Tech over Missouri.

The big football player should
know plenty about Tennessee teams.
He played with the Sooners against
the Vols in the 1939 Orange Bowl
at Miami.

"Tennessee is great on punting
to get a team in the hole, then
take advantage of the breaks," he
explained. "They did that to us
and we never did get a chance to
use our offensive plays."

He seems to be inviting trouble
by boldly picking Tulane over the
Agiess while visiting in the Lone
Star state. But the Green Wave,
to him, will be able to stop the
nation's No. 1 ranking club.

Waddy played pro football with
the Brooklyn Dodgers the past sea-
son. He played against Davey O'-
Brien of the Philadelphia Eagles
and other ace performers. Waddy
will enroll again at Oklahoma for
the second semester, then return to
the Dodgers next season.

He's in the Valley for a few days
visiting his aunt, Mrs. C. E. Sigler
of Harlingen and his cousin, Miss
Juanita Sigler of McAllen.

Texas Tech Cage
Team Drops Tilt
To Sooner Quint

OKLAHOMA CITY.—(AP)—Okla-
homa A. and M. College won the
Oklahoma City All-College basket-
ball tournament for the third time
in four years Saturday night, de-
feating Texas Tech, 37 to 34, in a
thrilling final game which was close
from opening whistle.

The Texans, who shoot from the
hip and ask questions afterward,
outscored the Aggies from the floor,
but accuracy at the free throw line
gave the title to the Oklahomans.

Flashing the same fast-moving,
revolving offensive attack that the
Agiess use, the Red Raiders from
Lubbock threw a fright into the
Oklahomans, with Marshall Brown,
a one-handed shooter, on the busi-
ness end of most of their plays.

Brown personally accounted for
17 points, the greatest total ever
scored by one man against one of
Coach Henry Iba's Aggie teams.

Star Elevens
Set For Game
West Team Has Many
Injuries Listed

SAN FRANCISCO.—(AP)—Coach
Babe Hollingbery scanned the list
of his injured Western players Sat-
urday and thought the East should
be heavily favored to win the East-
West Shrine charity football game
here New Year's Day.

"The West team is in bad physical
condition," said Hollingbery as he
enumerated the following casual-
ties:

Clyde "Bulldog" Turner, Hardin-
Simmons center, couldn't bend his
leg Friday because of a charley
horse, and it seemed that he would
make only a brief appearance, if at
all, before the 60,000 or so fans
expected at Kesar Stadium Sunday.

Bob Smith, Oregon backfield star,
on the shelf nursing a cleat gash
in the leg.

Ray Zimmerman, San Jose State
backfield man; Johnny Shirk,
Oklahoma end; Jack Sanders, South-
ern Methodist guard, and Olie Cor-
dill, Rice backfield performer, all
with twisted ankles or bruised limbs
but not hurt bad enough to be kept
out of the game.

Coach Andy Kerr was willing to
agree with the popular belief that
the West's line would have a weight
advantage over his boys, but he
declared "I'm here to tell the wide
world our line men are capable of
taking care of themselves."

Kerr did not assume a starting
lineup for the game and Holling-
bery would name only four sure
starters for the West.

These, Hollingbery said, would
be Johnny Schiehl, Santa Clara,
center; Cordill, right half; Frank
Emmons, Oregon, fullback, and
Kay Eakin, Arkansas, left halfback.
Schiehl and Eakin have been
chosen co-captains.

Byron Nelson Wins
Varden Golf Trophy

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—National
Open Golf Champion Byron Nelson
won the Harry Varden memorial
trophy for 1939.

Fred Corcoran, manager of the
Professional Golfers Association,
announced the award Saturday, dis-
closing that the slim Texan amassed
473 points during the year to finish
ahead of Henry Picard, Hershey,
Pa., who had 461 points.

Nelson and scores of other leading
golfers of the nation are here, pre-
paring for the fifteenth annual Los
Angeles Open tournament January
5-8 and the start of California's
winter series of meets.

A glowing tribute to the West-
erners was paid by Paul Tyson,
coach of their opponents Saturday
and dean of Texas schoolboy men-
tors.

"The best team won today,"
In turn, Coach J. G. Keyes and
his lads returned the compliment:
"The Tigers were by far the best
team we ran up against."

And as they left the scene of their
victorious battle, the youths remem-
bered again their departed coach
and made no efforts to hold back
their tears.

"It's too bad Coach Chapman
couldn't have been here today,"
hard-charging Joe Tyson sadly said.
Coach Keyes echoed his remark.

It was a personal triumph for
Keyes, who was Chapman's football
pupil in high school at Cisco and
who knew Chapman's greatest de-
sire while alive was to play the
Waco team in the finals.

Three times Chapman got teams
in the semi-finals of the state race,

Aggies Given
Betting Edge
Over Tulane
Louisiana Fans Sure
Greenies Are Best

NEW ORLEANS.—(AP)—Tulane's
Green Wave, seeking its second vic-
tory in the classic Sugar Bowl, re-
mained the underdog Saturday 48
hours before the New Year's Day
clash, but there was a lurking sus-
picion the home town boys were
all set to surprise those Texas Ag-
gies, No. 1 team of the nation.

While thousands of high-hatted
Texans, joining a steady influx of
holiday visitors, began whooping it
up in the city and loudly singing
the praises of the Aggies, Tulane
supporters took it in stride and
quietly consoled themselves with
the thought the Green Wave power-
house would not be toppled.

Schedule played a very tough
tune and not once was really
extended to the limit of its power,"
was the way one Wave supporter
sized the game. "The Greenies are
resourceful. Tulane has two teams,
and the second one is about as good
as the first. Watch those units
wear those Aggie downs."

With the city, especially famous
Canal street, gaily decorated with
elaborate electrical signs, gigantic
Christmas candles, flags and other
Sugar Bowl ornaments, a large ma-
jority of the visitors reached town
Saturday and the general topic of
conversation in packed hotel lob-
bies concerned the football game.
Texas A. and M. remained a 7 to
10 choice and likely would be that
at the kickoff.

Only a good mashie shot from
the Gulf, Coach Homer Norton sent
his 52-man squad through its final
drill Saturday afternoon at Biloxi,
Miss., as many railbirds of that his-
toric resort city watched. He said
no workout would be held Sunday.
The team will leave Monday morn-
ing and go straight to Tulane sta-
dium, where it will gather a record
southern crowd of 70,000 to witness
the sixth Sugar Bowl contest. The
kickoff is at 1:15 p. m. (CST).

Still gloomily viewing the game,
Lowell (Red) Dawson drilled the
Tulane Greenies at length Saturday
and announced he would have the
squad out for a limbering-up ses-
sion Sunday afternoon to polish up
attack plans. Dawson said his star
sophomore back, Bob Glass, would
not be able to play. Otherwise the
team will be at full strength.

Excellent weather conditions pre-
vailed, with predictions that Mon-
day would be fair to partly cloudy
with slightly higher temperatures.

New York Giants
Fielding Leaders
In National Loop

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Baseball
people usually contend that fielding
figures are no accurate measure-
ment of a player's worth to a club
defensively, but they're not likely
to find much fault with the Na-
tional league averages announced
Saturday.

The argument against averages as
a criterion of fielding prowess was
that they penalized the player who
tried to snare the hard
chances and favored the fellow who
played his position on a dime.

But the figures and facts jibed
well in the senior circuit last season
and based strictly on percentages
for players in 100 or more games,
the league's fielding leaders were:

Catcher Harry Danning, New
York, .991; First Baseman Frank
McCormick, Cincinnati, .996; Second
Baseman Stu Martin, St. Louis, .977;
Shortstop Bill Jurgens, New York,
.965; Third Baseman Merrill May,
Philadelphia, .954; and Outfielders
Terry Moore, St. Louis, .994; John
Conee, Boston, .991; and Frank
Demaree and Joe Moore, both New
York and both .9855.

The Giants topped all clubs in
fielding with a .978 percentage.

Memory Of Deceased Lubbock Coach
Spurs Team On To Win State Title

DALLAS.—(AP)—Some 30-odd
youthful huskies filed into a Cot-
ton Bowl dressing room as the sun
shined from the western horizon—
39 champions of the Texas inter-
scholastic league.

The scoreboard read: Lubbock
Westerners 20, Waco Tigers 14.

A faint smile was on each face
but merriment was somewhat re-
strained obviously, one reverent
thought was in their mind:
"How we do wish Coach Chap-
man could have been with us today."

And genial Weldon Chapman,
whose boys on other occasions had
fallen just short of championships,
had long dreamed of today. But
dreaded pneumonia intervened at
mid-season.

There was no denying, however,
that his spirit hovered ever near
his lads, and, after a poor start,
they marched on to one of the most
dramatic endings in the two-decade
Texas schoolboy grid history.

once he gained the finals but failed
to realize his ambition of a state
title last year when defeated by
Corpus Christi.

One of Chapman's last thoughts
was of the Westerners who that day
were playing Plainview. Just after
he was told Lubbock was leading
19-0 in the fourth quarter the little
coach died.

USC And Vols
In Readiness
For Big Game
Catholics Will Play
Arizona Eleven

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—The
grandfather of all New Year's Day
football games is ready to present
its 25th edition—the 1940 Rose Bowl
encounter between Tennessee and
the University of Southern Cali-
fornia.

The largest crowd of all the
post-season bowl affairs—a throng
of 92,000—will jam the flower-trim-
med bowl in the Arroyo Seco Mon-
day to witness an engagement be-
tween two teams ranked among
the greatest in the nation.

The orange-suited lads of Ten-
nessee, moving into the big bowl
for the first time with 25 consecu-
tive victories behind them, boast
a record of triumphs unequalled in
the history of the Tournament of
Roses series.

Southern California's mighty Tro-
jans, never defeated in five trips
to this post season game, is co-
champion of the host Pacific Coast
Conference, with a season just closed
marred by two ties but marked
by seven victories, including inter-
sectional wins over Notre Dame
and the fighting Illini of Illinois.

Guiding the Trojans of USC into
the game is Howard Harding Jones,
a veteran of a quarter of a century
of coaching and a man who has led
the warriors of Troy through four
of their five Rose Bowl conquests.

On the opposite side of the field,
at the helm of the Volunteers, will
be Robert R. Neyland, Texas-born,
army-trained expert who first be-
gan coaching at West Point in 1921
and took over the reins at Ten-
nessee in 1926 after a year as as-
sistant.

There is little to add to the feats
of the two teams. Their achieve-
ments have kept pace in the sports
headlines since the 1939 college grid
week began last September.

Kickoff time is 4:15 p. m. central
standard time.

Teams Reach
Border City
Links Leaders Named
On Committee

EL PASO.—(AP)—Gay thousands
thronged this border city Saturday
night on the eve of Arizona State
of Tex's arrival to meet Catholic
University on the Sun Bowl grid-
iron Monday.

Six-shooters boomed blanks, cow-
boys yelled and leather skirted
girls smiled becomingly to welcome
the Washington, D. C. eleven early
Saturday morning.

Coach Dutch Bergman took his
33 Cardinal squadmen to the Sun
Bowl for a secret workout in the
afternoon. A final drill, open to
the railbirds, was planned for Sun-
day afternoon.

Meanwhile in Tempe, the Border
Conference champions had a "tap-
ering off" drill and prepared to leave
for El Paso Saturday night. A
special train was expected to bring
several hundred Tempe supporters
headed by Governor and Mrs. Bob
Jones.

The Sun Bowl was a sell-out and
record crowds were expected to line
the streets to see the Sun Carnival
parade New Year's morning.

Catholic University led a 4 to 3
favorite, but Coach Bergman was
concerned over his team's showing
in El Paso's altitude.

Fair and warmer weather was in-
dicated as the mercury made steady
gains from a cold snap early this
week.

The kickoff will be at 3 p. m.
(Central Time.)

Riggs And McNeill
Are Tennis Winners

NEW ORLEANS.—(AP)—Bobby
Riggs and Don McNeill, seeded first
and second respectively, won their
way Saturday into the finals of the
sixth annual Sugar Bowl tennis
tournament and will meet Sunday
for the championship.

Riggs, America's top-ranked
player from Chicago, defeated El-
wood Cooke of Portland, Ore., 6-4,
6-3, 6-3 and McNeill, Oklahoma
City star, beat the defending cham-
pion, Bryan "Bitty" Grant of At-
lanta, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

In the doubles Riggs and Cooke
teamed to defeat Charles Hare of
England and Russell Bobbitt of At-
lanta, 6-2, 6-4, and Henry Prussoff
of Seattle and Gardnar Mulloy of
Miami dropped the second seeded
team of McNeill and Morey Lewis
of Texarkana, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Zuppke Disappointed
At Chicago Action

PHOENIX, Ariz.—(AP)—Coach Bob
Zuppke of Illinois arrived here Fri-
day for a winter vacation and said
he had been "surprised and sorry"
to learn that trustees of the Uni-
versity of Chicago decided to drop
intercollegiate football.

South Reverses Civil War
Decision In Pigskin Fray

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(AP)—
Springing a lightning aerial attack,
something unheard of in the North-
South warfare of the '60's, South-
ern college all-stars routed North-
ern football masters, 33-20, Sat-
urday in Montgomery's second Blue-
Gray gridiron classic.

Both sides exhibited dazzling
football. A disappointing crowd of
around 9,000 saw the battle at Cram-
ton Bowl. Last year the North won,
7-0.

With lightning forward passes,
fired by little Ken Heineman, a
Texas Mines back, the Rebels
jumped into the lead and were be-
hind only once, 7-6, at the end of
the first period.

From there out, the Southerners
held the upper-hand.

In every department, except punting,
the Dixie stars excelled.

Heineman shot a five-yard pass
to Jack Nix, Mississippi State
speedster, the first time the South
got the ball, and Nix zig-zagged
40 for a touchdown. Rotten Shet-
ley, a plunging standout all day,
missed the point try.

The Blues struck next. Bill
Hutchinson, Dartmouth back passed
to Ted Grefe, Northwestern end,
who lateraled to Vic Marino, Ohio
State guard.

Gray 6. From there Dom Principe,
Fordham fullback, went over on his
third plunge. John Rogalla, Scrant-
on back, kicked the point and the
North led for the first and only
time.

New teams were substituted at
the end of the first quarter, and
on the second play, Young Bussey
LSU, heaved a 30-yard pass to his
glue-fingered teammate, Ken Kava-
naugh, who ran the remaining 20
to the goal line. Ned McDonald,
Texas end, kicked the point.

Bill Schneller, Mississippi block-
ing back, grabbed a Blue pass and
sprinkled 53 yards for the third Rebel
score. McDonald's kick again was
good.

Spirit flaming, the Northerners
took the next kick-off and didn't
turn loose the ball until Witmer
Baker, Cornell ace, passed 35 to
Bill Tranavitch, Rutgers, and he
dragged two Rebels across for a
touchdown. Lou Zontini, Notre
Dame, booted the point.

Nix took a shovel pass from
Shetley and dashed 26 to the goal
for another Dixie marker. Hein-
man missed the try.

In one of the prettiest plays of
the day, Heineman drifted far back
and shot one 22 yards over the goal
line to Kavanaugh, who grabbed it
on the dead run. Heineman's kick
was good and the South was ahead,
33-14.

Zontini set up the final North
score, intercepting a Heineman pass
and loping 34 yards up the side-
line to the Gray 3.

Baker plunged across on second
down. Zontini missed the try for
extra point.

Mission Sets
Golf Tourney
Trojans Play Sixth
Time In Classic

MISSION.—Five of the Valley's
leading golfers have accepted the
appointment as members of the
tournament committee to be in
charge of the Seventh Annual Gold-
en Grapefruit Tournament, which
will be the major sport event con-
nected with the Texas Citrus Fiesta
to be held in Mission in January.
The tournament, rated as one of
the outstanding golf events each
winter in the Valley, will be staged
at the Shary Municipal Golf Course
in Mission with plays to start at
7:30 o'clock Sunday morning, Janu-
ary 1.

Golfers who have accepted ap-
pointment on the committee at the
request of E. E. Marburger, general
chairman of the fiesta, are Gene
Darby, Pharr; Hill Cooke, Harlin-
gen; R. B. Bush, Raymondville;
Henry Whittenburg, McAllen; and
Peyton Sweeney, Jr., Brownsville.

Rules which governed earlier
tournaments in the annual series
will be used, it was announced by
James Hall, pro at the course. Three
flights are planned, with three
awards to be presented winners in
each. Top prize, for lowest score
in the first flight, will be a \$75 Mc-
Gregor golf bag. Other attractive
awards complete the list. Entrance
fee of \$2.50 carries the privilege of
free greens fees for the Friday and
Saturday preceding the actual tour-
nament.

MRS. MOSBY DIES
TYLER, Tex. (AP)—Mrs. Elinor
Mosby, widow of the late William
Mosby, an official of the St. Louis
and Southwestern Railway, died
Saturday.

Hartnett, who put his signature
to a one-year document believed to
call for about a \$30,000 salary be-
came manager of the Cubs July 20,
1938, succeeding Charley Grimm.

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Texas' Ten Best

Activities Of Governor O'Daniel Termed Outstanding News Of The Year

By DAVE CHEAVENS
Associated Press State Editor

Politics and personalities dominated the front pages of Texas newspapers during 1939.

Texas Associated Press staff men, who write and edit the state news, voted unanimously that the varied activities of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel constituted the No. 1 story of the year.

PIONEERS TO HOLD PARLEY

Unique Valley Meet Set Wednesday

MISSION—One of three annual meetings for one of the most unique of Valley organizations is scheduled for Wednesday night when the Mission Pioneer Club holds a supper and program session at American Legion hall.

Only those persons who have lived in the community since prior to 1914 are eligible for membership in the club, although families and friends are welcomed to attend meetings.

Wednesday's session starts with a supper at 6:30 to be followed by a business meeting and program. Time is allowed during the session for reminiscences, one of the most enjoyable features of the three meetings held each year.

E. W. Keyes, president, will direct the business program. Mr. Arnold J. Shary, program chairman, announced that she had planned a program of varied entertainment, including music and readings. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stevens, leaders in the Townsend movement and musicians of note, will be presented. An invitation was extended to old-timers, and interested friends to attend all or part of the program.

Mission's Needy Given Yule Aid

MISSION—Every needy Anglo-American family in Mission and its outlying district was taken care of through the Christmas cheer program carried on by the Mission Welfare Association, it is believed by directors of the organization.

Approximately 125 persons, members of 35 families, were cared for in the first cooperative welfare work ever undertaken in Mission.

Several church and civic groups in membership with the welfare organization or others in cooperation, aided in the program, it was announced by the Rev. E. R. McWilliams, chairman of the work. Investigation of the need of families and distribution of food, clothing and toys was made possible through the work of several agencies, who rushed organization of the welfare body cheer program.

Boy Scout Leader Leaves On Furlough

BROWNSVILLE — Sergeant R. J. Meier of the 12th Cavalry, Fort Brown, Sunday was to leave for Rio Grande City on a 90 day furlough.

Sergeant Meier, who is also district scout commissioner here, is to be temporarily replaced at Fort Brown by Stanley A. Fulcher, private first class, specialist second class, Randolph field.

Acting district scout commissioner during the sergeant's absence will be Dr. James H. Le Vas of the U. S. public health service here. Accompanying Sergeant Meier to Rio Grande City will be his wife and children, Robert, Jr., and Thomas. He hopes to do a little hunting while in the Upper Valley.

CITY HALL TO CLOSE

McALLEN—The city hall will remain closed all day Monday in observance of New Year's Day. City Secretary C. D. Martin said Saturday.

SCOUT MEET IS SET JAN. 8

First Annual Valley Parley Slated

HARLINGEN—The first annual Scouters Planning and Training Conference of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America will be held here January 8 at the Roosevelt Hotel, the first conference of this type ever held in the Valley, according to an announcement Saturday by Ralph D. Reagor, Mercedes, assistant Valley Scout executive.

Reagor said the rapid growth of scouting in the Valley has made it necessary to develop the council plans and program for 1940 on a Valley-wide basis.

New Yorker Due

Present for the conference will be Minor Huffman, New York, deputy regional executive, and a member of the field staff of the national office. Huffman has had more than 20 years experience in Boy Scout work, and served as executive of the Yucca Council at El Paso, before his promotion to the national staff.

The morning and afternoon sessions of the conference will be devoted to studying needs of Valley boys and development of plans for a far-reaching program to meet those needs, Reagor said. At a recent executive board meeting all members pledged their attendance at the conference and set in motion plans for securing the attendance of all council and district operating committees, including committee men on advancement, camping and activities, leadership and training, health and safety, organization and finance.

Conference will end with a Valley-wide meeting of all scout leaders at the evening session, where program plans developed in the group conference will be launched.

Smith Is Chairman

J. B. Smith, La Feria, will serve as conference chairman. Committee on arrangements consist of Sidney Kring, and all Harlingen scouters. Chairman of all operating and planning committees will hold meetings prior to the conference in preparation.

Chairmen for the various committees include W. C. Black, Harlingen, advancement; W. C. Jones, Jr., Edinburg, health and safety; A. B. Sanders, Donna, leadership and training; E. W. Franks, San Benito, camping and activity; George Allen, Harlingen, organization and extension, and Keith McCance, Adams Gardens, finance.

McAllen To Observe New Year's Holiday

McALLEN—Business houses in McAllen will enjoy their second two-day holiday in the week when stores and offices close here in observance of New Year's Day.

Stores, city offices and the bank will not be open Monday. The chamber of commerce offices will be closed for a few hours at midday but opened during the morning and late afternoon.

LOCAL RAINMAKER PESSIMISTIC



Joe Junkin (right) regards the future pessimistically as Attorney Fred Newland of the Harlingen Bonehead Club points out his insecure stand as premier rainmaker of the Rio Grande Valley. Junkin's status has been challenged by Miss Lillie Stote, of Oxford, Miss., invited here by the Valley Mid-Winter Fair Association for a cloudburst during the January 23 to 28 exposition. (See Bonehead story below.)

Bonehead Expansion Idea Is Planned By Harlingen Club To Allow Other Valleyites To Commute To Meetings

HARLINGEN—Following an executive session here this week, Big Bone Jack King of the Harlingen Bonehead Club, announced a commuting membership expansion program which will include

bone heads over the entire Rio Grande Valley.

King said applicants for commuting memberships would have to apply in writing, stating their boneheadedness in no uncertain terms. The membership committee will deliberate on the letters and those sufficiently boneheaded will be called upon by a committee, or otherwise contacted.

"If any of the commuting members accepted live too far away from Harlingen to attend the Wednesday meetings, they can attend by proxy, and will probably accomplish just as much, or more," King said.

King declined to comment on the fomenting revolution among Bonehead Club members in connection with the intention of the Valley Mid-Winter Fair (January 23 to 28) officials to bring Miss Lillie Stote here to make it rain during the fair. The Big Bone indicated the matter of protesting the Fair Association's ignoring Harlingen's rainmaker, Joe Junkin, had been put in the hands of Fred Newland, attorney for the club, who said Saturday he was preparing an injunction against the fair association.

Thanks Issued

Goodfellow Chieftain Appreciates Aid

McALLEN—Appreciation for aid received from scores of individuals and business firms of McAllen in securing Christmas toys and candy for McAllen's needy children was expressed today by T. B. Wait Jr., president of the Goodfellows Club, and other members of the Kiwanis-sponsored organization.

Wait said 1,162 children received the gifts Christmas morning. He issued thanks to the following firms and individuals:

Temple Lumber Co., Jones and Jones, Palmer Paint and Paper People, Andrus Machine Shop, Central Power and Light Company, Richmond and Chisum, Harold Brehm, Lions, Rotarians, Business and Professional Women, McAllen Candy Co., Bluebonnet Club, Upper Rio Grande Valley Art Club, Junior Service League, A. L. Nelson, Leonard and Hall, Mrs. H. Roy Graham, Valley Evening Monitor, L. J. (Shine) Mason and Mrs. Sara Thigpen.

Sweet potatoes are developing increased importance as a source of starch.

PAA SERVICE TO INCREASE

More Bahama, Cuba Hops Planned

BROWNSVILLE — With tourist travel picking up all over its routes, Pan American Airways here Saturday announced that it will increase its service between Miami, Havana and Nassau.

Clippers now making 10 trips daily between Miami and the Cuban capital will be increased to 12 or 14 trips daily within the near future, it was said.

Daily clipper service which has been instituted to the Bahamas will also be augmented later.

Objectives of Pan American Airways also include the increase of service on its western route, and shortening the time between Brownsville and Buenos Aires.

This, it is understood, is pending the arrival of new equipment already ordered.

Traffic through Brownsville to Latin America has not only increased as a result of the European War, but also showed a tremendous gain during the Christmas season.

Head over heels in work, C. P. Hilliard, PAA traffic manager here, remarked Saturday that it wasn't a question of going out after business, but trying to find passage for it.

Movie Star Wins Divorce In Reno

RENO, Nev. —(AP)—Robert Armstrong, movie actor, was granted a divorce here Saturday from Gladys Dubois Armstrong of Los Angeles on grounds of cruelty and desertion. The couple was married in Yuma, Ariz., Dec. 11, 1936.

Armstrong plans to marry Claire Louise Armstrong, of Reno and New York City, who was also granted a divorce here today from John Scott (Rolf) Armstrong, also a movie star.

GUESTS IN WILLACY

RAYMONDVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Reed have had as their house guests during the holidays her mother, Mrs. Charles Munson, and sister, Miss Lottie Mae Munson, and their friends, Mr. Pat Graft and daughter Delores of Buffalo, Okla. The guests left on Thursday for the return trip home.

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San Benito Unit Of Foreign War Veterans Planned

SAN BENITO—Plans for organization of a San Benito unit of Veterans of Foreign Wars will be discussed at a meeting to be held in the city hall here Thursday, January 4, by the Harlingen V.F.W. post 2410, according to Harry M. Carroll, chairman of arrangements. Other business at the Thursday night meeting will be initiation of a group of recruits which will swell the roster of Harlingen Post 2410 to within striking distance of its quota of 75, Carroll said. The meeting will be the final one of the Post's Charter Period, and therefore the last opportunity for those who want to be listed in the charter.

Fire Extinguished At Post Storeroom

BROWNSVILLE — The Brownsville fire department assisted Fort Brown firemen Saturday at 10:11 a. m. in extinguishing a fire of undetermined origin in the 12th Cavalry storeroom. There was no damage.

'Texas Cavalcade' Billed At McAllen

McALLEN — All Texans and all persons interested in Texas should see the technicolor motion picture "The Cavalcade of Texas" to be shown at the Palace Theatre here Tuesday and Wednesday, according to a letter received by the McAllen Chamber of Commerce Saturday from the Dallas chamber.

The picture was directed by the well known James A. Fitzpatrick of Hollywood. Several scenes of the Valley are included.

C-C DIRECTORS ELECTION SET

McAllen Group Will Choose Officers

McALLEN—Officers of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce will be named Thursday night when the recently elected directors hold their first meeting at 7:30 p. m. at the chamber building.

A president, two vice presidents, treasurer and manager of the chamber will be named.

Directors named at the annual banquet included Philip Boye, A. B. Chamber, O. Terry, H. H. Damm, Angus McLeod, Charles Ferguson, S. L. Miller, Van E. Cook, Sam Goldstein, A. D. Dean and P. Granning.

STUDENT RETURNS

RAYMONDVILLE—Basil Arnold son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Arnold and student in Abilene Christian College, returned to Abilene on Friday.

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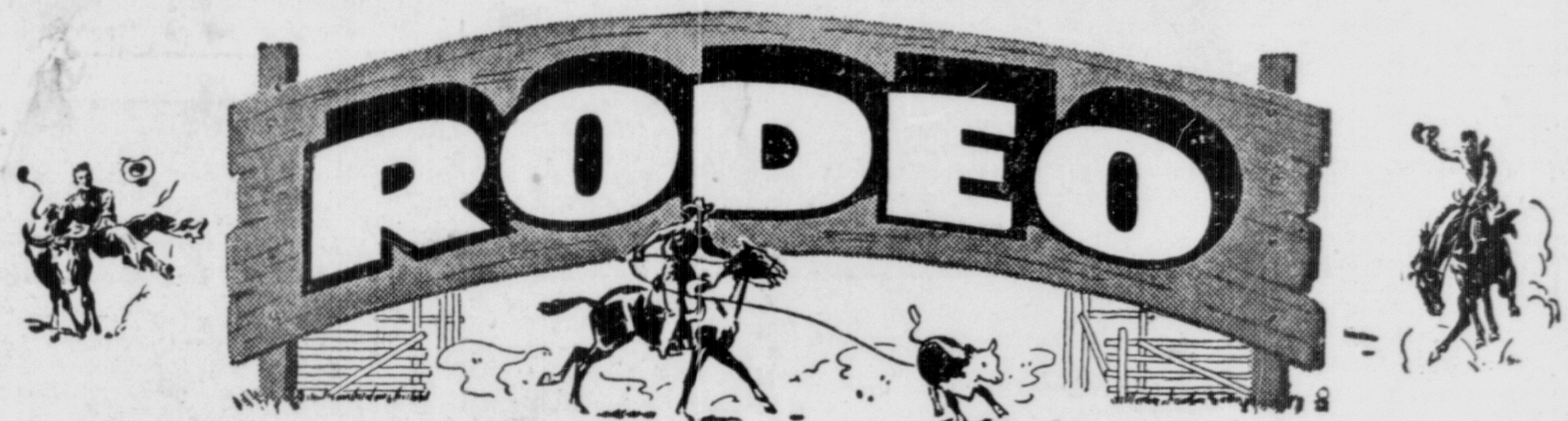
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A black and white photograph of a person's face, partially obscured by a calendar page. The calendar shows the days of the week (Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed) and dates (1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 29). The person's mouth and chin are visible, and they appear to be holding a cigarette.

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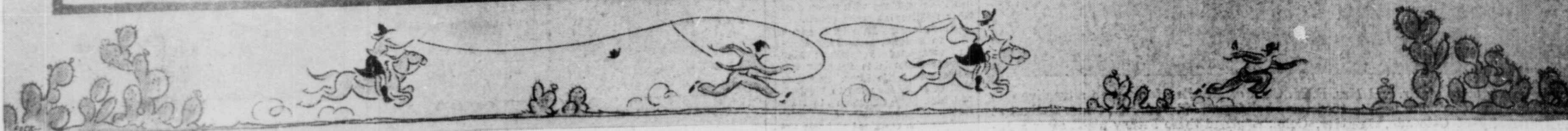
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Year 1940 Promises To Be Brilliant

Calendar for 1940 with its 366 days promising interesting activity makes an attractive photographic study when set off by an arresting portrait of appealing Barbara Baldridge of Edinburg (Photo by Kerr Studio) shown on the front page of this section.

Miss Baldridge represented Edinburg Senior High School at the annual University of Texas dance held at the Casa de Palmas in McAllen Friday night. She was drum major for the Edinburg Sergeants of the past season.

The new year, beginning at midnight, promises to be the brightest socially that Valleyites have known for a decade. Already dates have been selected for important large affairs in January and soon the calendar will be ringed with reminders of coming functions.

January 14 has already been selected by Betty Maxine Farnworth, popular Donna girl who was Lantana Queen last season, the date for her marriage to Roy Klossner Jr. of Edinburg.

Several other announcements of coming weddings are to be formally made during the next few weeks.

To reflect as completely as possible the outstanding social happenings during 1940, reference must be made often to a carefully kept calendar. This social calendar is mostly confidential, engagements and other events being kept secret until the time designated for public announcement.

Phone, send, or bring dates and data regarding coming events in order that the Valley's social calendar for 1940 may point to important happenings in every town and community.

MINNIE GILBERT.

Tea Is Given For Visitors

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Russell McChesney entertained Friday afternoon honoring ladies at Palm Courts at tea. She entertained in her home between the hours of 4 and 5:30 o'clock.

Greeting the guests were Mrs. McChesney, and Mrs. Edward McChesney.

A holiday setting had been created through the use of poinsettias, and red and white gladioli.

Presiding at the tea table in the dining room were Mrs. Wallace B. Harwood and Mrs. Charlotte Van Everen, the latter of Troy, New York. The centerpiece for the table reflected the holiday colors.

About forty-five were guests.

Ann Agar Honored By Birthday Party

SAN BENITO—Mrs. Asa Agar entertained with a party honoring her daughter, Ann, on her thirteenth birthday Thursday afternoon. A treasure hunt was enjoyed the winners being Lois Tippit, Mary Alice Bohner, Yvonne De Bostell and Betty Davis Swanson. Jane Simmons held the prize in a contest.

Refreshments carried out the color theme of red and green and the pretty cake which centered the table was decorated in red and green.

Guests were Jean Robertson, Betty Clair Brown, Jo Erwin, Ann Margery Worth, Lois Tippit, Helen Gilbert, Jane Simmons, Dorothy Jane Robinson, Doris Clark, Mary Alice Bohner, Helen and Jane Morris, Billy Joyce Lockmiller, Mary Minto and Olive Helen Polly Yvonne De Bostell, Mary Joe Crow, Emma Beth Hudson, Haldane Reeds, Gwendolyn Creekmore, Louise Woolam, Annette Stewart, Patsy Casey, and Betty Davis.

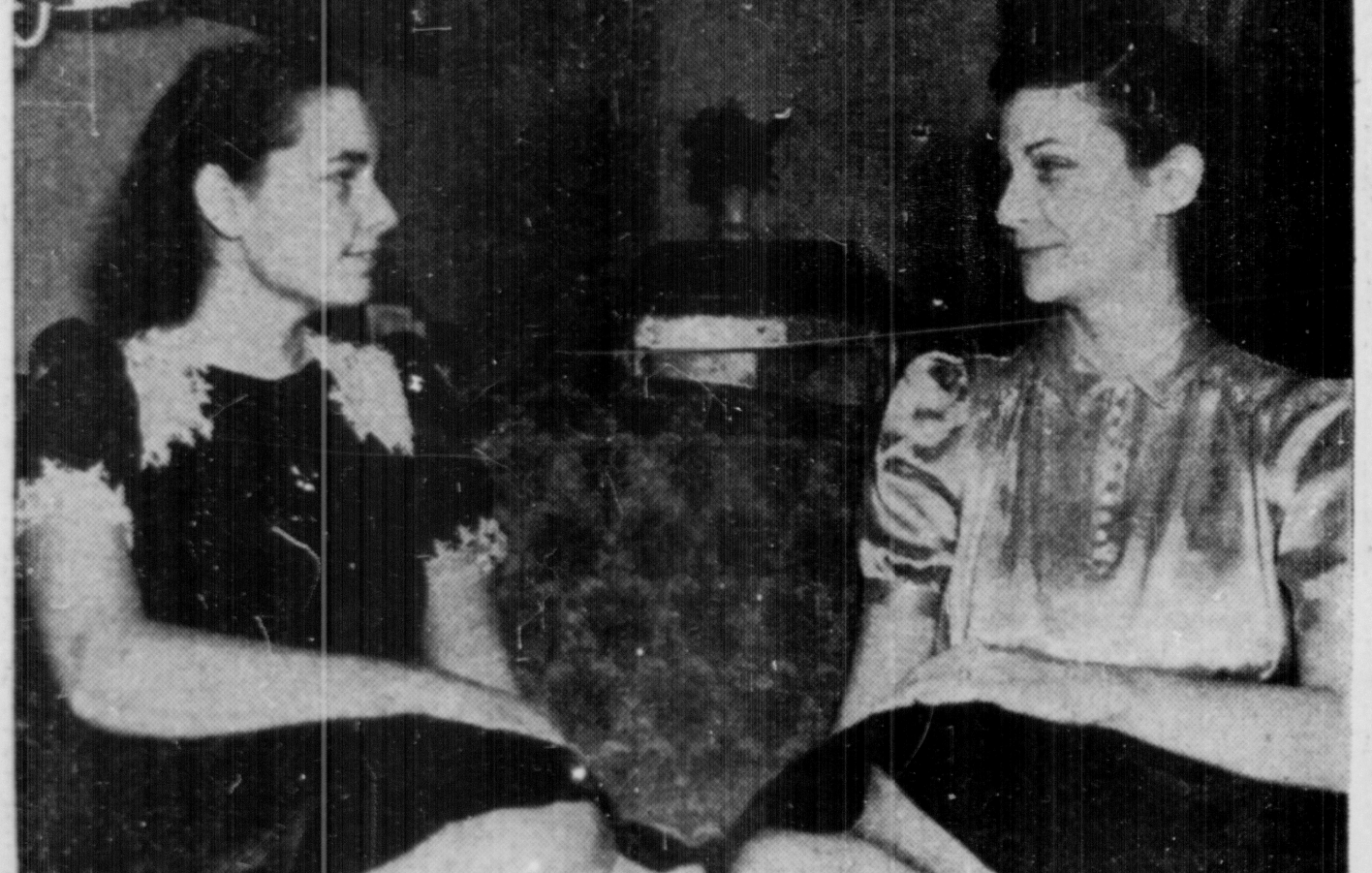
Winners Announced

ALAMO—The outdoor lighting contest sponsored by the Garden club of Alamo was won by the following: Mr. and Mrs. John Burkhardt, first; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell, second; Mrs. Connie Stensbro third.

Visit J. B. Smiths

LA FERIA—Misses Ina May and Nina Bennett of Waco, and Henry Marshall Bennett of Fairlurias are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith.

McAllen Sisters Visit During Holiday



The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Card of McAllen formed an attractive duo when seen together during the Christmas holidays. Mildred, left, senior student at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo., returned there Friday night after a 10-day vacation visit. Here until Wednesday is Mrs. S. R. Grimes of Oklahoma City, Okla., formerly Maurine Card.

Youthful Guest Is Honoree



Miss Elizabeth McCormack of Oklahoma City was honoree for a dance Friday evening at the Reese-Wilmond Hotel in Harlingen which was one of the smart events attended by the Valley's younger social set. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, Jr., and their son, John Milton Morris. Miss McCormack is a house guest in the McCormack home for the holidays. (Photo by Holbrook)

Dance Honoring Holiday Guest In Harlingen Friday Night Is High Point for Younger Set

HARLINGEN—Gayest event of the holiday season for a host of the Valley's coterie of younger socialites was the dance given Friday night at the Reese-Wilmond Hotel by Mr. and Mrs. John Morris Jr. and John Milton Morris to honor Miss Elizabeth McCormack of Oklahoma City, a house guest in the Morris home for the past several days. Dancing was from nine until one in the flower-decked patio.

Potted palms made a garden-like background emphasized by long-stemmed gladioli held in floor baskets and urns while the formal frocks worn by the bevy of sub-debs from several Valley towns lent colorful beauty to the scene.

The honoree was a especially attractive in a chiffon frock in a fuchsia shade which accented her piquant brunette coloring and petite figure. Her corsage of gladioli was worn in her hair. Bob Briggs was her escort. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Fay Harper of Jacksonville, sister of Mr. Morris and house guest for the holidays, who presided at the refreshment table, wore black formals with corsage of gladioli.

Miss Jacqueline Buesing of San Benito, whose escort for the evening was John Milton Morris, had sweetheart roses for her corsage.

Brilliant red gladioli made the effective centerpiece for the refreshment plates were served shortly before midnight.

About 75 members of the younger set from all over the Valley were guests for the affair.

Bridge Party Is Delightful

MCALLEN—Among pleasant holiday parties to fete visitors in the city was the dessert bridge given Wednesday by Mrs. J. H. Burnett for her sister, Miss Ida Bess West of San Antonio.

Keeping to the holiday reflection, the house was decorated with bouquets of poi settias and fern.

Mrs. Orville I. Cox was winner of high score prize, Mrs. C. A. Marshall, second and Mrs. S. J. Young, third.

Among those attending were Mesdames W. W. Dees, C. C. Pope, Orville Cox, S. J. Young, F. L. Gilbert, B. O. Kimbrough, George Gaddy, Paul Sherwood, I. A. Patton, Thornton Thacker, Estia Soby, J. E. Wilkins and Lee Green the latter two of San Juan.

RAYMONDVILLE GUESTS

RAYMONDVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Byars are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Miss Ophelia of Oklahoma City, and Miss Martha Selby, Mrs. Louise Russell and son George Midland of Hillsboro. Miss Byars will leave on Sunday for her home and Miss Selby and Mrs. Russell departed Friday.

FROM OKLAHOMA

PHARR—Mrs. Myrtle Parhan and daughter, Miss Helen Sheldon have arrived from New York to spend the winter at Sheldon Ranch with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred S. St. Claire-Fisher and John Griffiths.

FROM LONGVIEW

LA FERIA—William Amthor of Longview is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Amthor for the holidays.

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Tea Honors Daughter

TEA HONORS—36 Jensen SOC ... BROWNSVILLE—Charming among the events of a full and enjoyable week was the homecoming tea at which Mrs. Cleve Tandy and Mrs. Mark N. French honored their daughter and granddaughter, Miss Ann Tandy Thursday afternoon between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock.

Miss Tandy, a student at Baylor University in Dallas, has been spending the Christmas vacation with her parents.

Greeting guests at the door was Miss Elizabeth Wilson. Receiving were the honoree and the two hostesses. Miss Tandy was especially charming in a formal gown of copper-colored moire taffeta, worn with a short jacket of brown velvet. The frock was made with the new fullness in the back to give the bustle effect, and the skirt swept into a short train. With this she wore a corsage of tallisman roses. Mrs. Tandy wore a gown of black lace, and a corsage of red rosebuds. Mrs. French's gown was blue lace with a corsage of purple asters.

About the home the Christmas colors of red and green were noted. Red gladioli were arranged gracefully in attractive containers. A Christmas tree, lighted entirely in red, and hung with the clusters of the red Christmas balls in varying sizes, was noted, too.

Assisting the hostesses were Mrs. G. E. Dodd, Mrs. J. Grider Perkins, Mrs. George W. Moothart, Mrs. Joe Ingram, Mrs. Howard L. Cummins, Mrs. J. S. Ealy, Mrs. Robert E. Puckett, Mrs. George Aziz, Mrs. Clyde Tandy, and Mrs. Harold R. McKay.

In the dining room, the lace covered table was centered with an overturned basket of poinsettias and pine cones, an especially artistic arrangement. Presiding here were Mrs. R. O. Mackintosh, who poured, and Mrs. R. Matthew Lynn, who served the tea dainties.

Assisting in the dining room were Misses Wanda Powell, Marian Price, Maxine Rockwell, Mary Frances Seago, Doris McKay, and Billie Hanna.

In charge of the guest book in which about 225 registered was Miss Dorothy Early.

Bride-Elect Is Honoree For Shower

WESLACO—One of the loveliest of Yuletide parties was given by Miss Betty Frizzell and Miss Margaret Ann Mitchell Wednesday afternoon at the city hall honoring Miss Naomi LaDuke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl LaDuke whose engagement and approaching marriage to Jimmie McElvay, son of Mrs. Mary McElvay has been announced.

The miscellaneous shower was cleverly arranged in a setting of poinsettias, and the presentation was carried out by means of a toy auto.

The coffee hours were from three until five with Miss Marguerite Patterson of Mission and Miss Billie Marion Parks pouring at the silver services.

Mrs. F. A. Roberts presided at the bride's register in which the following inscribed their names: Misses Hilda and Leighel Griffin, Virginia Rowland, Marie Drew, Ann Vitum, Louise Black, Robin Cook, Clair Markosky, Martha Griswald, Ruth Knowles, Mildred Bradford, Alene Holman, Betty Hunt, Jewell Sims, Millicent Yoder, Dorothy Hager, Leona Friend, Marjorie Troit, Frances Hamner, Eileen Barr and Virginia Ransom.

Mesdames Dixie Thrash of Houston, Frances Goldberg, Mercedes, Paul Tegeman of Austin, Joe Mae Neil, Mercedes, Miss Mary Louise Johnston, Lelei Williams, Hazel Jean Emmons, Lucille Chandler, Mayden King, Betty Compere, Mrs. J. O. Frizzell, Mrs. Carl LaDuke, Mrs. F. W. Patterson.

Miss Goldberg of Mercedes played the accordion Mrs. Roberts gave a reading during the affair.

Group Guests Honored With Coffee Event

BROWNSVILLE—Mrs. Edward McChesney was hostess Friday morning at a pretty coffee at which she honored a number of out of town visitors.

She entertained between the hours of 10 and 12 a'clock in the morning at the home of Mrs. Russell McChesney, naming as honor guests Mrs. Katherine Schultz, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Mrs. Jackson Schultz of Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Nellie S. Pay of Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Charlotte Van Everen of Troy, New York, Mrs. B. N. Goodrich and Mrs. E. K. Goodrich, Jr. both of Mexico City, and Miss Sally Russell of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

About the rooms were graceful arrangements of poinsettias, red gladioli and white gladioli.

Greeting guests at the door was Mrs. James L. Renfro. Receiving were the hostess, the honor guests, and Mrs. Russell McChesney.

In the dining room, the coffee table, laid with lace, was presided over by Mrs. Wallace B. Harwood and Mrs. Joe K. Wells. The table was centered with a single, large Yule candle, surrounded with autumn leaves, and pine cones lightly glazed, and with golden Christmas balls. Elsewhere were brass candelabra holding red tapers.

Assisting about the rooms were Mrs. Howard L. Cummins, Mrs. Thurman A. Kinder, Jr. Mrs. Louis Brulay, Mrs. Morris W. Clint, Mrs. Maurice J. Tipton, and Mrs. Joe Vivier. They, and the honor guest and hostess were pretty corsages.

Afternoon Bridge Is Entertainment For McAllen Women

MCALLEN—An afternoon of bridge entertained a number of McAllen women Thursday when Mrs. Homer Dresslein was hostess at her home.

Mrs. C. W. was winner of high score prize with Mrs. H. C. Green taking low.

Christmas decorations utilized poinsettias and pine boughs for their attractiveness.

Present were Mrs. C. H. Britton, Mrs. W. P. Rogers, Mrs. W. F. Cain, Mrs. Craig Leach, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Moores and Mrs. Murphy.

New Year's Events Set

MISSION—Among hospitalities which the holiday week-end holds for Mission is the open house which Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Greer and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Frankl have planned for Monday evening, New Year's Day. Invitations have been sent to several hundred guests in several Valley cities. Setting for the affair will be the Greer home, 1301 St. Marie Ave.

Two watch parties have been planned for Sunday evening, including one at the A. F. Volz home, where a group of old friends will gather, and one to be held by 'Tip Toppers and their husbands. The latter event will start with a dinner party at the Cactus Tea Room.

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Mother, Sister Guest in McAllen



Chic Mrs. A. A. Bonneau of McAllen, right, had a regular Christmas family reunion when her sister, Mrs. H. J. Hill of Wichita, Kan., left, and her mother, Mrs. G. D. Michaelson, center, of Venice, Calif., visited the McAllen family during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Hill will leave sometime Sunday for their home while Mrs. Michaelson will remain until early in January.

Outstanding Event of Holidays Is Smartly Appointed Dinner Given for Upper Valley Guests

PHARR—Outstanding on the social calendar for Upper Valley collegiates and intimates during the weekend, was the dinner party given Saturday evening by Misses Jerry Ferguson and Mary Ann Wall at the Casa de Palmas in McAllen.

A red and silver color scheme was chosen to emphasize the Christmas motif. Poinsettias interspersed with silvered foliage sprays forming the effective centerpieces for the dining table.

Prior to the dinner hour, a cocktail party was enjoyed at the Ferguson home where decorations were in harmony with the setting for the dinner at the hotel.

Forming the personnel were Miss Helen Frances City, of Ozan, Arkansas; Miss Ilo Albough of Los Angeles; Miss Dorothy Hager, Weslaco; Miss Alice Statham, Edinburg; Miss Sarah Chidlow and Charlene Shaw of McAllen; Misses Lucile Montgomery and Ruby Madoux of Alamo; Misses Daisy Ellen, Mary Virginia and Frances Polk Eugenia Tobelman, Ella Beth Melton, Margaret Hogan, Jerry Ferguson and Mary Ann Wall of Pharr.

Dr. John C. Parsons of San Antonio, Dr. Deane Munal of Dallas, Kinsey Scott of Los Angeles, Joe Davidson of Weslaco, Oliver Aldrich and Kendred McConnell of Edinburg, Jack Lomax, Ernest Brumley and A. C. Henley of McAllen, Bobby and Billy Devine, John Ted Scott, Melville Ehlers, Smith Crow and Tommy Flowers, of Pharr.

Shower Given In Weslaco

WESLACO—Miss Hazel Jean Emmons was hostess for a lovely shower this week honoring Mrs. Carl Bowman of La Feria. Poinsettias decorated the living room and the honoree followed a strand of twine to the end which revealed a basket of gifts.

Enjoying the shower were Mrs. Joel Murray, LaFeria, Mrs. Morris Weed, Harlingen, Mrs. Emma Fairbanks, Harlingen, Miss Lois Miller, San Benito, and Mesdames Jim Puckett, Carl West, David Anderson, Cecil Gallion, Paul Fawcett, George Bellman, L. Davidson, and Harley Deihl, and Miss Colleen Puckett.

An attractive refreshment plate was served.

Daughter Is Honoree For Birthday Dance

MISSION—One of the largest social affairs which marked the Christmas vacation for high school youngsters was the party which Mrs. A. L. Truitt gave Wednesday evening to honor her daughter Mary Anne, on her sixteenth birthday. Setting for the party was the Legion Hall, which was decorated for the occasion with garlands of Christmas colors and with flowers typical of the season.

Mrs. Truitt was assisted by Mrs. Joe Summers, Mrs. S. P. Rosette, Mrs. F. W. Dooley and Mrs. O. V. Bridges. About 40 were in the guest group.

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Holiday Courtesy Notable

EDINBURG—Mrs. J. T. Ringland and her daughters, Misses Lucy and Helen, were charming hostesses to an open house on Thursday evening naming Miss Phyllis Cramer honoree. Miss Cramer, a student at the University of Montana, is on a holiday visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cramer.

The guests were met at the door by Miss Janet Cramer, the honoree's sister and Miss Helen Ringland. In the receiving line were Mrs. Ringland, Mrs. A. L. Cramer, the honoree's mother, the honoree, and Miss Lucy Ringland.

Small gold trees with silver sprays of holly and pine cones were placed about the rooms, which were lighted by many flaming red candles.

A snow white cover lay on the punch table which was centered by a crystal punch bowl surrounded by silver cones and holly. Misses Rosemary Atkinson and Sara Roberts presided.

Hot chocolate was poured from an heirloom service by Miss Carolyn Cramer, the honoree's sister, and Miss Alice Statham, at the dining table. The table, which was also decorated with silver holly and cones, had for centerpiece a clever tree upon a snow white cover, with glowing red candles. Dainty sweets were served by Miss Frances Polk of Pharr, June Price, Margaret Brown, Joyce Post, and Margaret Statham.

Also assisting were Mrs. L. G. Jameson, Misses Marjorie Bonner Eugenia Tobelman, Ella Beth Melton and Jack Jameson.

About one hundred guests called.

Hostess At Dinner

SAN BENITO—Miss Lucille Mansur was hostess for an informal dinner party at her home Wednesday night. Red gladioli and poinsettias decorated the dining room, the dinner board was centered by a bowl of roses and candles on either side.

Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones, Jack McConnell and Miss Mansur. Later the guests attended a dance.

Former Residents

SAN BENITO—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Miller and daughter, Georgia Mae Miller of Shreveport, La., have arrived in San Benito for a month's visit. The Millers are former Valley residents.

Treasure Hunting

Along the Valley's Main Street with Sue . . .

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Visitors Honored

MISSION—Honoring two holiday visitors from Dallas, Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Burnett entertained with a dinner party Wednesday evening. Honorees were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Wharton, who are guests of Mrs. Wharton's sister, Mrs. R. E. Hooks and Mr. Hooks.

MISS HOLLY GUEST

LA FERIA—Miss Omie Holley, a member of the San Benito school faculty, is visiting her parents for the holidays.

ATTENTION MINNESOTANS!

Judging by the number of Minnesota cars in the trailer convention parade in McAllen Thursday, there are a lot of winter visitors in the Valley who enjoy Swedish cooking . . . Just in case they haven't already discovered it, this is to let them know they can find the most delicious Swedish meals, breads, cakes, and cookies at the SWEDISH KITCHEN, 317 South Broadway, McAllen . . . Luncheons 25c; dinners 40c; Sunday dinners, 50c.

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Dinner, Annual Event

McALLEN — Guests at Grande Courts enjoyed their annual turkey dinner on Christmas Day and an open house at the Arthur Marquardt home Wednesday evening.

Thirteen states were represented in the festivities which annually attract a large crowd of winter visitors.

Present were Messrs and Mesdames P. D. Wheaton, Denver, Colo.; R. M. Johnson, Denver, Colo.; Lewis Schulte, Winslow, Neb.; Henry Kettler, Pilger, Neb.; Fred Clapsaddle, Galva, Ia.; J. W. Martin, Billy Martin, Webster City, Ia.; W. C. DeWitte, LeRoy, Ill.

Messrs and Mesdames James DeLand, Storm Lake, Ia.; Charles H. Swanner, Long Beach, Calif.; F. J. Bertrand, Cheney, Kan.; Jake Beach Slayton, Minn.; George I. "ynn, Nespeck, Ida.; A. P. Libby, Jody, Wyo.

Mesdames Perry Slayton, Minn.; Annabelle Houge, Estes Park, Colo.; Florence Coulter, Grove City, Pa.; Mary Boyard, Grove City, Pa.; Pettis Nebraska; Anna Lander and Ted Lander, Lawrence, Kan.

Messrs and Mesdames Sam Metz, Storm Lake, Ia.; William Winters, Ackley, Ia.; Hans Jensen, Cozad, Neb.; A. E. Demaree, Mildred Demaree, Wichita, Kan.; Passwacht, Margaret Fasswacht, Farmington, Ill.; W. E. Davis, Shallock, Oza.; S. W. Sallor, Missouri.

Messrs and Mesdames O. A. Akin, Virginia Lee Akin, Arthur Marquardt, Thelma, Frances and Ruth Marquardt, William Kirk, Billy Kirk, Thomas Bartley, Tommy Bartley all of McAllen.

Iowa Guest Is Feted At Coffee

McALLEN — Mrs. Harry Lames of Dyars, Ia., guest in the home of the aunt, Miss Ruth Clark, was the honored guest Wednesday when Mrs. Harold Brehm entertained with a seated coffee at her home.

Guests were former schoolmates and intimates of the honored guest, who before her marriage 14 years ago was Miss Charlotte King of McAllen.

Mrs. W. R. Jackson presided at the coffee service while Miss Lucille Ehlinger assisted the hostess serving.

The coffee table was centered with a bowl of silvered berries. Crystal and silver were used in the table appointments and the seasonal red and green colors noted in the refreshments.

Present were Mrs. Cecil Fulton, Mrs. M. P. Wilson, Mrs. C. C. Eckhoff, Mrs. William Doyle, Mrs. Alfred Myers, Mrs. W. R. Jackson, Miss Eva Miller, Mrs. Claude Lamberth of Harlingen, Mrs. Atwell Cox of Corsicana, Mrs. Ashley Cawthon of Pharr and Mrs. Charles King of Mission.

Mrs. Frank Koester

WESLACO — Mrs. Frank Koester entertained Thursday afternoon at her home honoring Mrs. Glen Hoel with members of the Dos Mesas Club as guests. Special guests were Mrs. Clyde Young, Mrs. Ray Hartness, and Mrs. Ordell Robinson who was winner of score favor.

Yule tipples were special features.

GUEST OF RYALLS
LOS FRESNOS — Mrs. J. E. Flora of Camden, Ohio is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Ryall.

Representative of Class



Miss Betsy Kidder was representative from the senior class at Mercedes to the annual Christmas dance given by the Valley Club at the University of Texas Friday night at the Casa de Palmas. Her escort was Blake Agnew, also a member of the senior class. (Edrington Studio)

Miss Cassie Mae Springfield Weds Capt. Chas. H. Goodwin In Rites Read in Seay Home

Mercedes Wedding Of Wide Interest

MERCEDES — Miss Cassie Mae Springfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wells L. Springfield of Mercedes, became the lovely bride of Captain Charles H. Goodwin of Brownsville, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Goodwin of Columbia, South Carolina, in a beautiful ring ceremony read Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock. The wedding took place in the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Seay, in South Ohio Avenue, with the Rev. W. W. Stewart, rector of the Christ Episcopal church, officiating.

Throughout the home a decorative theme of white and silver was observed set off with graceful arrangements of red poinsettias.

The bride entered on the arm of her father, by whom she was given in marriage. She was preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Jeanette Russell of Houston. The groom had as best man, O. J. Studeman of Brownsville. An improvised altar was made beautiful with maiden-hair fern and white gladioli.

The wedding party entered to the strains of Wagner's "Bridal Chorus," from "Lohengrin." Before the ceremony, Mrs. J. F. Balgo sang "O Perfect Day," with Miss Theresa Streckfus accompanying on the organ. Miss Streckfus also played the other wedding music.

The bride wore a teal blue wool ensemble, the short jacket being trimmed in fur. Her accessories were brown and her corsage was orchids and lilies of the Valley. Miss Russell wore a powder blue ensemble with matching accessories. Sweetheart roses and lilies of the valley formed her corsage.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served. Ornamenting the beautiful three-tiered bride's cake of snowy white were sugar spun roses of silver. The silver candelabra holding white candles lighted the pretty scene.

The bride was graduated from the Mercedes high school, later attending the University of Texas where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She is a popular member of the younger group in Mercedes, and over the Valley.

The groom is a native of South Carolina, and was graduated from the University of South Carolina where he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He is also a graduate of Kelly Field, San Antonio, and served in the army stationed in Panama for two years. At present he is a senior pilot for Pan-American Airways, Brownsville.

Immediately after the wedding the couple left on a honeymoon trip which includes points in Florida and South Carolina, and also New Orleans, where they will attend the Christmas Bowl game.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin will be at home after February 1st, in the De Frances Apartments in Brownsville.

Miss Scott Visits
HARLINGEN — Miss Louise Scott formerly of Harlingen and now residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Scott in Denton, is a guest during the holidays in the home of her brother, Bovelle Scott, and Mrs. Scott.

RETURNING TO COLLEGE
SANTA ROSA — Santa Rosa students attending Texas A. & I. College, Kingsville, who will leave after the holiday weekend include Charles Baumann, Will P. Shimek and John Caudell.



Mrs. Charles H. Goodwin

Valleyites From Several Cities Gather for Open House Given in Brownsville

Dr., Mrs. George Toland, R. S. Tolsons, W. E. Heaners and L. H. Palmers Hosts

BROWNSVILLE — One of the bright gatherings of the week was the open house at which four couples were hosts Friday evening between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock at El Jardin hotel. Entertaining were Dr. and Mrs. George J. Toland, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Heaner,

and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Palmer. Guests, who numbered over 400 were from San Benito, Harlingen, Mercedes, and Bayview as well as Brownsville.

Mrs. Palmer received in a chic gown made with a skirt of black velvet, worn with a red evening sweater embroidered with gold sequins. Mrs. Tolson's gown of lavender metallic cloth was molded at the waist, and flared into sweeping folds at the bottom of the full skirt. Mrs. Toland wore a quaint gown of dusty rose taffeta, fashioned with a fitted bodice, and with the narrow bands of embroidery being used diagonally on the skirt. Mrs. Heaner wore a smart gown of black velvet, made with draped bodice.

The banquet hall had been transformed through the use of potted palms and plants, and there were pretty arrangements too of poinsettias and red and white gladioli in floor baskets. Wreaths decorated the windows, and a large Christmas tree stood in one corner of the room. Wrought iron floor candelabra held lighted blue tapers.

Presiding alternately at the silver coffee service were Mrs. S. D. Rockenbach and Mrs. E. B. Wells, while other members of the house-party served the punch at the opposite end of the long refreshment table.

The table, laid in white, was centered with an especially effective arrangement of white and blue flowers. White carnations, their stems wrapped in white satin were combined with satin-wrapped branches holding silver bells. These were set in a shallow white pottery bowl around which were placed odd-shaped shallow containers holding blue cornflowers and delphiniums. Tall blue tapers flanked the centerpiece.

Assisting in serving were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dennett, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Sewell of San Benito, General and Mrs. S. D. Rockenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Celaya, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Chapa of Mexico City, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Burns, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Eldman, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tegarden, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Glen Davies, Mr. and Mrs. W. Travis Jennings, Miss Jo Taylor, Miss Alberta Young, Miss Jenny Putegnat.

Miss Marian Price was in charge of the guest book in which over 100 registered.

Miss Tandy Honors Guest

BROWNSVILLE — Miss Ann Tandy entertained this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Tandy, honoring Ernest Stevens of Buena Vista, Georgia. She was hostess at a buffet supper.

Poinsettias centered the table in the dining room and an arrangement of red gladioli was used on the buffet. Red tapers set in candelabra illuminated the scene.

Attending were Misses Betty Rockwell, Maxine Ro'well, Wanda Powell, Marian Price, Mary Frances Seago, Margaret Weinert, Elizabeth Wilson and Kent Stratford, Donald Early, Byron Walters, Edward Whitney, George Emmett Dodd, Charlie McIntire and Douglas Early.

Husband Honored

WESLACO — Mrs. E. B. Ballard honored her husband with a dinner birthday compliment Tuesday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilmoth of Crowley, La., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phares and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tesser.

Yuletide Reunion Enjoyed

MISSION — A gracious gesture was extended a group of college girls home for the Christmas vacations when Miss Anita Stoops entertained Thursday morning with a coffee. The guest personnel was limited to 20 girls who were former schoolmates in Mission high school. The young hostess entertained at the home of her sister, Mrs. Phil Fhrader, who assisted her. Another sister, Mrs. Osce Pearson, also shared hostess duties.

Floral charm was noted in the use of pansies and geraniums used about the rooms, which were further enlivened by the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

The guests were Misses Peggy Schuelke, Marian McHenry, Helen Card, Helen Tripson, Mildred Hooks, Evelyn Eppright, Opal and Irene Bridges, Margaret Hardin, Inogene Whitehurst, Marjorie Decker, Marilou Jewett, Louise Goble, Delores Hannes, Verna Beaver, Jean Garlington, Shirley Mae Beaver and Dorothy Shuhart, the latter of Fort Worth.

Miss Dorothy Balthrope was hostess Thursday evening when the Dunlap club held their Christmas party. Games provided entertainment and officers were elected.

Alex Humphrey was elected president. Others elected were Vera Welch, secretary-treasurer, Bob Turner, vice president; Jean Wallace, reporter; Dorothy Balthrope, social chairman.

College Set Entertained

McALLEN — Intimate friends and former classmates of Miss Nellie VanOver of Dallas were entertained with a coffee Thursday morning by Mrs. Bertha VanOver, honoring her daughter who was home for the holidays.

Gathering at the VanOver home at 10:30 a. m. guests were served refreshments from a table centered with an arrangement of poinsettias. The same colorful flowers were used elsewhere in the house.

Mrs. Frank Gilbert poured, assisted by Mrs. Walter Bazar of Brownsville.

Guests were Mrs. William Parrish of Galveston, Mrs. Loy Robinson, Mrs. Lowell Deer, Mrs. Brad Smith, Mrs. Myrnat Smith, Miss Polly Smith, Mrs. M. Grimes of Oklahoma City, Miss Lola Akin; Mrs. Harold Akin, Mrs. Willis Akin, Mrs. G. C. Rankin, Mrs. Larry Fritz, Mrs. Ruth Sellers of Edinburg, Miss Virginia Hallock of San Antonio, Mrs. Lala Hallock Lee, Mrs. Aletha Clark and Mrs. Bill Pate.

Anniversary Is Observed

McALLEN — The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Will Perry of Hutching, Kan., was honored last week when Mrs. Will Goynes, their daughter, entertained with a reception at her home.

Gowned in a black frock and wearing a corsage of talisman roses with gold leaves, all guests were greeted by Mrs. Perry. As an added sentiment, Mr. and Mrs. Perry were presented with gold rings from their daughter.

Guests who called were Messrs. and Mesdames E. V. Roberts, C. R. Icenogle, H. M. Lively, J. W. Howard, Martin Fasse, G. Hallerman, Harry Goynes, R. C. Newberry. Messrs and Mesdames G. E. Foster, L. H. Hall, Ed Anderson, C. H. Carmichael, L. H. Puka, Miss Mildred Newberry and Miss Evelyn Hall.

Young Michigan Visitor Presented At Reception-Tea

McALLEN — The sub-debs of the Upper Valley gathered at Louise Fristoe's home Wednesday afternoon when she was the charming young hostess introducing her cousin, Margaret Yoakum of Ann Arbor, Mich.

The young Michigan girl has been here for the holidays with her parents visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Fristoe.

Christmas decorations were used about the house and on the tea table. Approximately 40 were guests.

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Society Calendar

McALLEN Wednesday
9:30 a. m. — The McAllen Garden Club will meet at the First Methodist Church.

2:30 p. m. — The Sunny Border Bridge Club will be entertained by Mrs. M. A. Ingram.

GUESTS DEPART

PHARR — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buzbee, Jr., of Ponca City, Oklahoma, and Miss Lura Buzbee of Los Angeles, Calif., who have been the holiday guests here of their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Buzbee, have returned to their respective homes.

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Actress



Known throughout the Upper Valley for her acting ability, Miss Lucille Ehlinger of McAllen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ehlinger, has been chosen to take the feminine lead in "Our Town," the outstanding performance of the year at Texas Tech, Lubbock, where she is a junior. Miss Ehlinger, who will return to Lubbock New Year's day, was honoree from her college at the annual Texas A. & M. College Christmas dance.

Coffee Is Compliment To Visitor

RAYMONDVILLE — Miss Helen Lee Hecht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hecht and a student in the University of Southern California, entertained with gay informality for a few college friends at her home Wednesday evening.

Bells and evergreens were used throughout the party rooms to emphasize the Christmas season. Refreshments were appropriate to the holiday.

Guests were Misses Margaret Ellen Corbett, Betty Conley, Julia Wahler, and Madeline Gilliland Harland Burnett, Mike Crowell John Brownfield, Carl Conley Dub Moore of Alvin, Robert Edwin Hackett, Leslie Huff, Roy Duddleston and Lewis Christoffe.

GUESTS IN AUSTIN
LA FERIA — Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Davis are visiting Mrs. Davis's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McLane in Austin.

Edcouch Visitors Depart

EDCOUCH — Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cowan and little son of Marble Falls, Miss Iris Renfro, Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schlemmer and daughter, Dorothy, of Austin have returned to their respective homes after spending the Christmas holidays in the Harry Peacock home.

Mrs. C. S. Smith, Runge, is spending the week with her son, Gordon Smith and family. Marguerite and Charles Walter will come down for the week-end.

Mrs. Harry Peacock and son, Orville Renfro left Thursday for Catharina where they will spend the remainder of the week.

R. Wade and sons, Howard, and J. R. Jr. and Jay Dudley plan to attend the Sugar Bowl game at New Orleans on New Year's Day. Following the game Howard and Jay will return to College Station where they are students at Texas A&M College.

Study Series Opens With Tuesday Meet

EDCOUCH — First of the series of study meetings of the Edcouch-Elsa Parent-Teacher group will be held Tuesday, January 2, at 7:45. Mrs. Carlyle Sammons, study group chairman, and Supt. Joe Wilson will be speakers.

A social hour will follow.

Coffee Is Outstanding Function

McALLEN — Closing the week's Christmas social functions was the coffee which Mrs. George Fox gave Friday morning at her home.

Marked by a note of simplicity throughout, the decorations featured poinsettias in singular arrangement against the light colored rooms.

The coffee table, reflecting a red, white and silver decorative combination, was centered with the chosen flowers and silverleaves.

All members of the house party wore cleverly designed miniature Christmas wreaths for corsages, made from Brazilian red peppers.

Mrs. F. H. Hamner and Mrs. Olney Dean poured. Assisting with hostess duties were Mrs. C. C. Pope, Mrs. Harold Brehm, Mrs. G. Aubrey Thomas and Mrs. W. B. Spell.

About 50 Upper Valley women called during the coffee hours.

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Wedding Is to Be Today



At seven o'clock this morning at the home of Rev. E. Douglas Carver, Miss Cornelia Fry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fry, will become the bride of John Junkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Junkin, all of Harlingen. (Photo by Holbrook)

Weekend Bringing Farewells

HARLINGEN — With holiday parties waning at the weekend, departure of students for college and of Yuletide guests for their homes were of outstanding interest for socialites. In other Harlingen homes additional guests were arriving some to remain during the rest of the winter season.

Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Montgomery left for New Orleans to attend the Sugar Bowl grid game. They will be home next Wednesday.

Mrs. E. H. Haire returned home the middle of the week from Houston accompanied by her little grandson, Sammy Roberts. Mrs. Haire went to Houston a few days earlier accompanying her son, Herbert Haire, and his wife, both of Beaumont, who were guests during the holidays in the Haire home. In Houston she visited her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Roberts and Mr. Roberts.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cohn and Mrs. Ray Jacobs at 1022 South F Street are Mrs. Lionel Benjamin and sons, Harold and Charles, of Evanston, Ill. The visitors expect to remain for two or three weeks.

Miss Tracy Frances Bowman, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bowman, will leave Tuesday to resume her classes at Texas State College for Women, Denton.

Miss Eloise Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen, will also depart early in the week for college work at Denton.

Among Harlingen students returning to Texas A. and I. College after holiday visits in their homes are: Dow Perry, Mary Ellen Osborn, Howard Ellison, and Doris Thompson.

Young Harlingen Couple To Speak Wedding Vows In Early Sunday Ceremony

HARLINGEN—Extreme simplicity will be followed in all arrangements for the wedding of Miss Cornelia Fry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fry, and John Junkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Junkin, which will take place Sunday morning.

Mrs. Stokely Hostess For Coffee Event

BROWNSVILLE — Another in the delightful parties held this week was the morning coffee at which Mrs. Herbert L. Stokely was hostess Thursday morning at her home. She entertained about 150 guests between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock.

Greeting guests at the door was Mrs. Augustine Gladioli, Jr. in the red and white gladioli and poinsettias.

In the dining room the coffee table was centered with a pretty bouquet of the blossoms, and they were banded to at the base of the glass shelves across the bay window.

Presiding at the table during alternate hours were Mrs. Ben Fehrenstein and Mrs. S. D. Rockenbach.

Assisting also in the dining room were Mrs. Jesse Dettner, Mrs. J. T. Canales, Mrs. Joseph C. Jordan and Mrs. R. S. Tolson.

In other rooms of the house assisting were Mrs. W. E. McDavitt, Mrs. Pedro Chapa of Mexico City, Mrs. E. K. Goodrich, Jr., and Miss Sally Russell.

Sister Guest For Holidays

HARLINGEN—Mrs. S. M. Harvin's informal at home arranged Friday afternoon for her sister Mrs. Zed W. Scott of Yoakum, was one of the very pleasing holiday affairs honoring visitors. Mrs. Scott and her daughter, Joann, will remain until after the holidays.

A gay springtime motif was introduced by effective arrangements of lupine and nasturtiums.

A number of friends invited in to greet Mrs. Scott and coffee and cake were served.

Youth Has Role Of Santa Claus

SAN JUAN — Albert Lee, young son of the hosts, played Santa Claus, entering with a pack holding gifts for each guest when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee M. Green, entertained with a Christmas party. Games of bridge were enjoyed and a late buffet supper was served from the dining room table.

The rooms were beautifully decorated to express the Christmas theme. Mrs. Edwin Houser of Mission received a guest gift. Prize awards went to Mrs. Charles Starlin, Arthur Reichert, Mrs. Walter F. Good and H. J. Hauser.

Valleyites Visit At McAllen Home

McALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stone of Harlingen and daughter, Lois of New York City, were guests of Mrs. Bertha VanOver and her daughter, Nellie, for Christmas. Miss VanOver was visiting here from Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Mackintosh and son, Harold, of Weslaco, were also guests at the Van Over home.

Christmas Basket Donors For Aid

BROWNSVILLE — The committee in charge of distributing Christmas baskets for the Brownsville Federation of Church Societies has expressed its gratitude to a number of individuals and business firms. Those who contributed to the distributing the baskets to needy families during the holidays were Mrs. W. T. Harvey, chairman, Mrs. George Bowman, and Mrs. L. A. Joory.

They expressed their thanks to the Piggly Wiggly, A. C. Hipp, Pan-American Airways, the Business and Professional Women's club, Mrs. Wallace Reed, the Crusaders, Walker-Craig company, the Brownsville Civic League Garden club, the Pivots company, and an anonymous donor.

Christmas Party Enjoyed By Stars

HARLINGEN — A Christmas party featuring an exchange of gifts and a book review by Mrs. Mildred Allison made the Thursday evening meeting of the Eastern Star especially enjoyable. Mrs. Berla Paine, worthy matron, presided.

Mrs. Allison's review of "Son of Man" was splendidly given and the highlight of the evening. A decorated Christmas tree and other festive appointments made an appropriate setting.

Delightful refreshments noting the Christmas theme were served by Mrs. Eva May McCread, and Mrs. E. J. McGilgah. Members of the Rainbow Assembly were guests for the evening.

President of Club Honored By Group

LYFORD — The Christmas party given by members of the Home Demonstration Club for their families at the club house in Lyford on Thursday was an event to be remembered. The holiday spirit was portrayed in the Yuletide decorations throughout the rooms and centered around the colorful Christmas tree.

Miss Elsie Porter was presented with a lovely gift in recognition of her outstanding work as president of the organization during the past year. Mrs. J. L. Scarborough led the large and animated group in interesting games.

Stuart Place Home Setting For Reunion

HARLINGEN—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mitchell of Stuart Place have had as guests for the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell and son, Billy, all of Denison. Other guests for the family reunion were Miss Sara Mitchell of San Perita, Bill Whitney of Denison, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker and daughters, Catherine and Beverly of Stuart Place, Mrs. Campbell, William H. Mitchell are children of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell.

Valley Girl Honored

BELTON — Miss Barbara Ruth Green, freshman at Mary Hardin-Baylor college, is in Harlingen spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Green. She recently was elected by her classmates as one of the five "Favorites" of her class, and was presented at the Freshman reception held on the campus before the holidays.

Club Meets Friday

WESLACO — Mrs. J. E. Shull will be hostess to the Llano Grande Home Demonstration club at her home in Progress Friday afternoon January 5, 1940.

ARRIVE FOR HOLIDAYS

MISSION — Guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McKinnon, Sr. for the holidays were their son, Franklin and C. R. McKinnon and Mrs. C. R. McKinnon of Houston.

Wed Fifty Years Ago



Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Douglass of Mission will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Monday, January 1. The well-known couple has resided here 25 years. Mr. Douglass is commissioner for Hidalgo county.

Well-Known Mission Couple To Observe Golden Wedding

MISSION—Mr. and Mrs. William H. Douglass will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary January 1. They were married January 1, 1890 in Harlingen, Texas at the home of Mrs. Douglass' parents, which was the

Miss Rockwell Hostess For Bridge Party

BROWNSVILLE — Miss Betty Rockwell entertained very delightfully Wednesday afternoon when she was hostess at bridge at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Rockwell.

Branches of the Virginia pepper furthered the Christmas motif and the color theme of red and green.

Gaily colored cloths and chandeliers were used at the refreshment hour.

In the bridge games, Mrs. Jack Mace was high, and Mrs. C. L. Robinson was presented the bingo award.

Bridge guests were Mesdames: Cran W. Neck, Albert Fernandez, George Fly, John Van de Putte, George Putnam, Jack Mace, C. L. Robinson, Jack Wiech, Gertrude Holcomb, Frank Mathers, Charles Mathers, Paul Ellington, Harvey E. Nuckols, Maurice Pipkin, C. L. Benn, H. Peter Oshman, Ellis Perry, Harrell Finley, Virgil Wright, Carlita Vidaurri.

Misses Madge Singer, Elizabeth Browne, Laurita Gider, Eleanor Hunt, Mary Helen George, Maxine Rockwell. Guests for tea were Mesdames Roland McKee, J. W. Haywood, Misses Alberta Browne, Mary Lulu Owens, Mary Warren, Marie Jackson, Mary Patrick, Ione Smith of Davenport, Iowa, Jeanine Tordani, Jane Richardson and Ann Tordani.

Holiday Dance Given By Patsy Weikel In Los Fresnos Home

LOS FRESNOS—An interesting event of the holiday period was the dance Tuesday evening by Patsy Weikel. The punch bowl centered the dining table was presided over by Mrs. Weikel.

Attending were Amy Lou Billue, Martha Sue Cook, Doris Marie Pederson, Billie Bingley, Maud Jennings, Dorothy Henry, Patsy Ogden of San Benito, Janet Munson of Chicago, Lucile Watson, and Vela Mae Ferguson, Stephen Williams, Richard Watson, Chalmers Williams, Govie Waller, Bob Grabowski, Gene Ryan, Gerry Chatelle, Robert Schaffer, Elmer Olson and Dennis Smith.

Open House in Alamo Compliments Guests

ALAMO — Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hart of Shreveport, La., house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davis, were honored when their hosts held open house Sunday night.

On Monday afternoon they were at home to the following relatives: Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Shelves and son and two grandchildren of Clairville, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shevies and son of McAllen, and Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Davis and daughter of San Benito.

Society Calendar

BROWNSVILLE

Sunday

Buffet supper and New Year's Eve celebration at 10 p. m. at El Jardin hotel, followed by a dance at midnight, sponsored by the Junior Service League.

Cocktail party by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryce before the Junior Service League buffet supper.

Monday

Open house by Mr. and Mrs. Drew Patten between 10 a. m. and 1 p. m.

Tuesday

Athenian club with Mrs. H. E. Weiker.

Learners club with Mrs. Fannie D. Putnam.

Wednesday

Penny supper at the Central Christian Church.

Wednesday Tournament Bridge club with Mrs. Lorry Lightner.

Wednesday Study club with Mrs. Henry Smith.

Thursday

Madgruder - Ford chapter of the UAG at 9:30 a. m. with Mrs. Fannie D. Putnam.

Friday

Pan American Round Table luncheon and program at 1 p. m. at El Jardin hotel.

V. F. W. Auxiliary at 7:30 p. m. at the V. F. W. hall.

Dobsons Hosts In S. Benito

SAN BENITO — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dobson had as their guests Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin and sons, Earl and Pat, of Westlaco, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Stallworth and son, Nick, of Montgomery, Alabama, Mrs. J. J. Baggett and children, Marie and Pat of Mobile Alabama, and Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Stuart and family of Donna.

Open house was held in the afternoon and 150 guests called.

The house was beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif with poinsettias and red roses adorning the rooms.

Miss Margaret Conrady and Miss Billie Mae Moore entertained with a coffee at the home of Mrs. Tom Jones Thursday afternoon. The guests included friends who remained in San Benito for the holidays. Poinsettias and red roses were placed at vantage points about the rooms.

The tea table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with silver bells and red ribbons and red tapers, carrying out the New Year's theme. Favors were smaller bells tied with red ribbons and imprinted with Happy New Year.

Miss Alma Prentiss and Mrs. H. B. Tipton presided at the tea table. About forty guests called during the afternoon.

Mrs. Ted Hudson was hostess to the Silk Stocking Club at her home Thursday afternoon. Christmas motif was carried out in the decorations. When scores were counted Mrs. Al Polzin held high.

A delicious dessert course was served at the close of the afternoon. Members and guests were Mesdames Mary Anderson, Fehner, Al Polzin, P. J. De Guerrin, Jack Ehlers, George Gibson, Al Lamm, Lee Hugon and Ben Shoemaker. Mrs. Al Lamm will entertain the club at the next meeting.

Brownwood Rites Said

BROWNSVILLE — Announcement has been made here by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Britton of Brownwood, of the marriage of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Edna Britton, to Dr. S. I. Benavides, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Benavides of Brownsville.

The marriage was celebrated on Thursday morning at St. Mary's Catholic church in Brownwood, with the Rev. Father E. P. Harrison, reading the lines.

The groom attended the Brownsville high school, and junior college and received his medical education at the University of Texas in Austin and Galveston. He is a first lieutenant in the army medical reserve corps, and before his marriage was stationed at the CCC camp at Mexia.

Dr. and Mrs. Benavides are on a honeymoon trip of about four weeks.

Betty Lou Steele Hostess At Skating Party For Friends

LOS FRESNOS — Betty Lou Steele entertained a group of friends with a skating party at the San Benito rink Wednesday evening.

Attending were Billie Bingley, Marta Sue Cook, Barbara Jean Goates, Juna Mae Goates of Russellville, Ark., Patsy Weikel, Maud Jennings, Evelyn Kyle, Janet Munson of Chicago, Bob Grabowski, Gene Ryan, Elvin Pederson, Richard Watson, Chalmers Williams, Paul Pederson, Gerry Chatelle, J. W. Carroll, Stephen Williams, Robert Schaffer and Mrs. George Bingley.

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Valley Girl Active at U. of T.



Miss Helene Woody, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Woody of Pharr, is among the attractive Valley collegiates home for the holidays. Miss Woody, is a pre-medical student. She is secretary for Bit and Spur, a campus riding club, a member of Chi Omega sorority, Cap and Gown, and one of the prominent senior women at the University of Texas. (Photo by Holbrook)

Mrs. Wood Honors Pair

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. W. C. Wood entertained informally at coffee Saturday morning between 10 and 12 o'clock, honoring Mr. Wood's mother, Mrs. Martha P. Wood of San Antonio, a guest in their home, and her mother, Mrs. W. P. Stone.

Poinsettias furthered the Christmas theme used in the decorative motif.

About twenty-five intimate friends of the two honorees attended.

Mrs. Martha Wood arrived Tuesday to spend a week or two days. Mrs. Stone resides with her daughter here.

Mrs. Giffen Goes

HARLINGEN—Mrs. E. D. Giffen left Saturday for her home in San Antonio after a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimsell. Mr. Giffen, who was also a guest over the Christmas weekend, left Tuesday.

Mrs. Giffen was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Marion Barg who will spend the weekend in San Antonio.

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Musical Especially Delightful

RAYMONDVILLE — A lovely courtesy was the musical evening given on Tuesday in the home of Dr. and Mrs. George Bennack with Mrs. Harry Bouthitt and Mrs. Bennack as joint hostesses.

Those who made the evening a definite musical success with their rich vocal numbers were Mrs. R. A. Ferring of Newton, Iowa and Stanley Addington; Mrs. Fay Jones of McAllen with her rare piano interpretations; Gene and Cantley Bennack in a clarinet and cornet duet and Gene in a piano solo. Miss Anne Mikulasek student in the U. of Iowa, gave several clever readings. Mrs. Fay Jones accompanied the soloists.

The refreshment table was lovely in sparkling crystal and silver. Mrs. Glanzer presided over the coffee service. Mrs. Baden over the punch bowl and the hostesses served the Christmas dainties.

For decoration an illuminated Christmas tree added the perfect touch to an evening of unusual delight.

Friends enjoying this charming hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Glanzer and house guests, Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Harrison and Mrs. M. E. Harrison of Worthington, Minn.; Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Baden and guests, Mrs. R. A. Ferring, Misses Anne and Freda Mikulasek and John Mikulasek of Newton, Iowa; Mr. Harry Bouthitt and guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Durrell Miller of Yoakum; Mrs. B. A. Fillmer of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Addington; Mr. Stanley Addington; Mrs. Betty Douthitt; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thompson, Jr. and guests; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thompson, Sr. and Mrs. Jennings Blackwell of Brownwood; Mrs. Fay Jones of McAllen and Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Bennack of Pecos.

Dance In Mercedes Delightful

MERCEDES — The Mercedes Legion club rooms, with decorations of red and blue, and wood fire in a large fireplace, formed a delightful setting for the formal dance given Thursday evening by a group of Mercedes young people, which included Laura Allen Mitchell, Helen Ruth Clark and Winter Martin and Charles Settles, David Campbell, Wilbur Hockstra and George Kearney.

Approximately eighty young people were guests.

Punch and cookies were served during the evening.

Thirty-three members of the Mercedes high school graduating class of 1939, gathered in the home of James Drawe Wednesday evening for a class reunion. A barbecue was held early in the evening followed by dancing.

The 1940 December class reunion will be held in the home of Miss Anne Squires in December 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Will Carter were hosts at a delightful luncheon Thursday at their home, honoring guests in their home. Honorees were Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carter, and Misses Jacqueline Hitt and Betty June Pritchard, all of Fort Worth.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Worley of McAllen, and Mrs. G. C. Pitta of Mercedes.

The following guests here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Ferring over the holidays returned to their homes in Oklahoma, Friday Mrs. Ollie Prothro and daughters Misses Nancy, Mary Ann and Ollie Lou, and sons, Bill and John.

Rainbows to Meet

HARLINGEN — New officers will be elected at the meeting of the Harlingen Assembly of the Order of the Rainbow Monday at 5 p. m. at the Masonic Hall. All members are urged to be present.

Illinois Visitors

LOS FRESNOS — Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Pfeiffer have as their guest Mr. Pfeiffer's sister, Mrs. John Ventler of Ashton, Ill. Mrs. Wm. McClannahan and Mrs. Wm. Fritts both of Dixon, Ill.

To Market



Mrs. Ruby Ingle has left for market in New York to purchase spring merchandise for Brasher-Jones, Harlingen, ready-to-wear store in Harlingen. Mrs. Ingle and Mrs. West are managers for the Harlingen firm.

Mrs. Harry William Foehner



Mrs. Harry William Foehner of Harlingen, was before her marriage Saturday Miss Helen Nagel Silbernagel of Cotulla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Silbernagel of Dickinson. She and Mr. Foehner are on a honeymoon trip to Mexico City. They will establish a home in Harlingen upon their return.

Simple Marriage Rites Read In Weslaco on Saturday For Miss Silbernagel, Mr. Foehner

WESLACO — Of interest to friends in several Valley towns is announcement of the marriage of Miss Helen Nagel Silbernagel of Cotulla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Silbernagel of Dickinson Texas, and Harry William Foehner of Harlingen, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Gustav Foehner of Elgin. The ceremony was held Saturday morning December 30, at eight thirty o'clock in the home of Dr. and Mrs. George H. Godfrey southwest of Weslaco.

There were no guests for the simple marriage service performed by Justice of the Peace R. E. Erwin.

The bride wore a black frock of crepe and lace ornamented with rhinestone clips. Her hat of shiny straw, patent shoes and other accessories were black. Sweetheart roses and lilies of the Valley made her corsage.

Mrs. Foehner, a graduate of Texas State College for Women at Denton, formerly was assistant home demonstration agent for Cameron County, and is now home demonstration agent in LaSalle County.

After a honeymoon stay in Mexico City, the couple will establish a home in Harlingen where Mr. Foehner is a member of the editorial staff for the Valley Morning Star.

She was welcomed by the president, Mrs. Don Murphy and presented with a woven magazine basket which held varieties of Valley fruits.

Patio strings of glossy Mexican fruits were entwined to form an enclosure for the Mexican figurines placed in the center of the luncheon table. Place cards accenting the theme marked covers for Mrs. Florence Scott of Rio Grande City, Mrs. P. G. Neuhauser, San Antonio; Mrs. D. V. Shuhart, Fort Worth; Mesdames Edward Oppenheimer, Florence Hayes, R. J. Rome, Clyde Tolen, Paul C. Avery, R. G. Roark, J. D. Boone, H. S. Edwards, C. L. Dalley, Bolton Hyde, W. R. Blacklock, J. C. Thompson, Misses Caroline Robbins, Bonnie Moore, Louise Lane, and Laura Patterson, Mrs. Murphy and Dr. Powell.

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Mrs. Smith Is Honoree For Coffee

SAN BENITO — To honor Mrs. Howard Smith of Dallas, Mrs. Frank S. Robertson and Mrs. Fred W. Thomas entertained at the Robertson home Friday morning with a coffee. Mrs. Smith, who is the daughter and sister respectively of the hostesses, is here with Mr. Smith for a holiday visit. Mr. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Knox Smith.

Rich tones of red gave color to the reception suite where red radiance roses were arranged with delightful effect. Dainties were served from the coffee table in the living room by Mrs. Mary Anderson Foehner and Mrs. J. V. Anderson.

About fifty friends called during the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. James Q. Louthan entertained Thursday night with a dance honoring their daughter Ann at their home in Valencia Park. A Christmas theme was carried out in decorations.

Hot chocolate and cakes were served at a late hour and tea dainties were served during the evening.

Enjoying the delightful affair were Jacqueline Buesing, Helen Morris, Billy Joyce Lockmiller, Mary Mintz and Olive Helen Kelly, Jocia Byrd, Donna Nicola, Wilson Richard Schneider, Jean Schneider, Jessie Welch, Billy Bryant and Roswell Bohner, Jr.

Future Bride Is Honoree

EDINBURG — Miss Marjorie Kelley whose engagement to Joe Holmes was recently announced was complimented with a lovely shower by Mrs. C. J. Selgrist and Mrs. Frank Boss on Thursday afternoon at Mrs. Selgrist's home.

Mrs. Boss and Mrs. Selgrist greeted the guests at the door. A program in keeping with the holiday spirit entertained the guests after which the bride-elect was presented with many beautiful gifts. The cake, a beautiful white confection, was decorated with pink rose buds and green leaves with "Marjorie and Joe" in a pink scroll.

Younger Set Enjoys Taffy Pull Party

McALLEN — McAllen's younger set was entertained by Joyce Marie Cole Thursday evening with an old-fashioned taffy pull.

In line with the season's theme, bouquets of poinsettias decorated the house and centered the table flanked by apple candles.

Games were played during the evening. Refreshments were served to June Kimbrough, Marjorie Tisdale, Dona Jean Thomas, Virginia Holmes, Marilyn Kuhn, Katherine Anne Bormann, Margaret Whittenburg, Day Bounds, Susanne Catlett, Johnnie Lou Williams and Mary Elizabeth Cox.

Bill Ravis, Marion Fox, Lawrence Twierpster, Bill Hart, John Edward Burris, Milton Saxon, Albert Shearer, Edward Beatty, Douglas Currie and Johnnie Gatling.

Former Classmates Enjoy Gay Reunion

LA FERIA — For the first time since their graduation in 1937, six La Feria girls were reunited when they met Wednesday night at the home of Miss Dolly Bess McCarty for an old night party.

Refreshments were served at midnight. Afterwards the group went upstairs to candlelit rooms where picture-making and games gave diversion until early morning. Those entertained were Billie Ruth Ashworth, Dolly Bess McCarty, Jane Smith, Marvis Anderson, Nancy Squire, Bette George, and Lois Erickson.

Kerrville Guests

LA FERIA — Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moore and children, Hollis, Jr., Jordan and Patsy of Kerrville, are visiting Mrs. Moore's sisters and mother, Mrs. G. C. Robinson and Mr. Robinson, Mrs. J. D. Russell and Mr. Russell, and Mrs. G. R. Jordan.

Pair Is Hostess for Holiday Tea



One of the recent enjoyable events of the holiday season was the tea at which Mrs. E. P. Kennerly and Mrs. Charles Calderoni entertained at the J. J. Young home. Shown grouped around the pretty tea table are, left to right, Mrs. Augustine Celaya, Jr., Mrs. Kennerly, Mrs. James L. Rentfro, seated, and Mrs. Calderoni. Mrs. Rentfro and Mrs. Kennerly alternated in presiding at the table.

Flower Arrangement School To Claim Special Interest

HARLINGEN — Choice of flowers, best suited to different types of homes is one of many related phases of flower arrangement to be discussed by J. Gregory Conway in the school he is to conduct in Harlingen January 11-12. Professor Conway, who holds a diploma on flower arrangement from Japan and has lectured there on that subject, is being brought to the Valley to conduct a two-day school for persons interested in receiving instruction in the art of flower arrangement.

Mr. Conway's lectures are said to be neither too technical nor too specialized, being crammed with valuable suggestions for utilizing flowers to give personality and charm to home interiors. His audiences find he has practical aid for home designers as well as for commercial florists.

To give a basis for understanding the art of flower design, Mr. Conway presents the background of Japanese flower arrangement with full explanation of its many styles from the classic to the modern or naturalistic. Ample and detailed instruction as to how individual arrangements are made.

Other topics include the sort of flowers to be used in different types of homes and to be grown in the adjacent gardens; pointers to making cut flowers preserve their freshness; and an understanding of color combinations that facilitates the design of effective floral arrangements.

Meeting of the Valley Garden Council in Harlingen January 12 coincides with the last day of the flower arrangement school and it is expected that Garden Club members throughout the Valley will be enrolled for the course. However, instruction is open to any person interested in complying with the registration fee. Examinations to be held as the school closes are open to all registrants and a satisfactory grade entitles the holder to certain credits toward raising established by the Texas Federation of Garden Clubs.

Persons interested should contact Mrs. O. E. Stuart, Harlingen; Mrs. R. A. Hightower, Brownsville; or Mrs. T. F. Rives, Weslaco.

Bridge Tea Pretty Event In Mission

MISSION — Mrs. W. A. Wolverton's charming bridge tea Wednesday evening was a delightful addition to the series of courtesies which has marked the stay of Mrs. R. W. Quinn of San Antonio. Branches of holly were used with other red-berried foliage and poinsettias for decorations.

Mrs. Quinn received a gift from her hostess, who presented also attractive awards after the games to the score winners. Mrs. M. F. Armstrong and Mrs. James Gillette, Mrs. A. J. Whittlesey received low score award.

Other players were Mrs. Lois Wurtele, New York, Mrs. Hal C. Farley, Austin, and Mesdames Vernon B. Hill, S. M. Duffie, W. B. Harris, T. H. Armstrong, Conan Wood, George Speer, E. A. Dugat Eugent Walthall, Ray D. Goodwin and R. N. Smith.

Guests for tea included Mrs. T. W. Nethery, hostess of the honoree; Mesdames H. C. Jeffries, Carl A. Roettele, Roy K. Straw, George Van Slyck, M. Smith, T. R. Burnett, and G. F. Gray, and Anne Smith.

Mrs. Nethery poured when refreshments were served during the tea hour. Holly was banded around tall red tapers to form the centerpiece of the tea table.

Dinner Guests

RAYMONDVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. James Strawn had as dinner guests on Wednesday Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Strawn of Lyford and Misses Katherine and Helen Teale Stotler of Mercedes.

RETURN FROM OKLAHOMA

McALLEN — Mr. and Mrs. Howard Heath and his mother, Mrs. Grace Heath, returned Thursday morning from Ardmore, Okla., where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Recent Rites At Luncheon Announced

MERCEDES — Announcement of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Tidmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Tidmore, and Herbert M. Alston, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Alston, came as an interesting surprise at luncheon given Thursday by Mrs. Tidmore at her home on South Ohio Avenue.

Tiny scrolls concealed in dainty corsages disclosed that the wedding took place in Dallas, December 2, in the home of the Rev. H. G. Ryan, pastor of the Dallas Grace Episcopal church. Attendants to the couple were Miss Betty Howze, of Fort Worth, formerly of Mercedes, whom Miss Tidmore was visiting, and Jim Keeton of Dallas.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of the Mercedes high school. Mrs. Alston received her degree from T. S. C. W. Denton, and Mr. Alston, a graduate of the University of Texas, is at present attending Baylor Medical School in Dallas. Miss Tidmore is a member of the Mercedes high school faculty, instructor of speech.

Poinsettias and holly made attractive decorations for the luncheon which was served buffet style. New Year's placecards marked places for the honoree and the following guests: Misses Doris Griffin, Jacqueline Johnson, Harriet Kidder, Frances Irby, Mary Ruth Bennett, Janet Jones, Dorothy Sue Perry, Lucille Ehlinger of McAllen, Mary Ann Holland of Harlingen, Helen Teale Stotler, Wanza Jane Reed, Mildred Thames, Bonnie and Patsy Robbins of Weslaco; Mrs. Lloyd Lucas and Mrs. Harry Bowman, Jr.

Mission Couples Are Hosts Friday

MISSION — Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Honey and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Schuelke entertained Friday evening at the Honey home when games and dancing were enjoyed. The hostesses used poinsettias to give holiday accent to the rooms where the guests gathered.

Cakes and sweets were served with coffee to Messrs. and Mesdames Pat Lindsay R. R. Sheeler, Joe N. Summers, S. P. Rosette, Loren V. Williams, Heber Marcell, Sam Bennett and the four hosts.

Parents Honored

HARLINGEN — Parents of the members of the Club Orquida were honored at the Christmas meeting of the group. A program was presented and punch served with cakes decorated with the club colors and name. Gifts were exchanged among the members.

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17. NOTICES
17a Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all our neighbors and friends for the beautiful floral offerings, the kindnesses, and sympathy extended to us at the death of Fred Winters. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Nichols, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Winters.

IN APPRECIATION

"We wish to thank the citizens of Santa Rosa, the water office officers and employees, our many friends and neighbors, who by their gifts, many acts of kindness and presence at the open house, made our golden wedding celebration on December 26, 1939, a success.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Stoops
Viola A. Nordlie
Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Stoops
Mildred S. Bates
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WANTED: Ride for one person to Fort Worth Tuesday, January 2. Betty Ann Shine, 216 South 12th, McAllen.

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19. LEGAL NOTICES

ELECTION NOTICE
TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS RESIDING IN CAMERON COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 6
Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the board of Directors of Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Six, an election will be held at Olmito, Texas on Tuesday, January 31, 1940 for the purpose of electing three (3) Directors for said district.
Those appointed to hold said election are as follows:
C. I. Blackburn, Presiding Judge
Sam Houston, Assistant Judge
Harry Lupton, Clerk
Eliel Gammon, Clerk
Mrs. J. H. Latimer, Clerk
The returns of said Election shall be made in accordance with law. A copy of this order signed by the President of the Board of Directors shall be proper notice of said Election, and the President shall cause the Notice of said Election to be given in accordance with law.
In testimony whereof, witness the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Board of Directors of said Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Six and the seal thereof hereunto affixed this 14th day of December, 1939.
C. A. STANFORD, President.
H. H. WHIPPLE, Secretary.

FARM DANCE GIVEN

RAYMONDVILLE—Among those who attended the dance given for the Federal employees of the Department of Agriculture and the guests at the Knights of Columbus hall in Harlingen Wednesday evening, were Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Mead of Houston and Miss Juanita Wilson of Beaumont.

KELSEY FIELD IS ACTIVE IN BROOKS AREA

Valley Wildcatting Is Dominant

McALLEN—Oil operators in a half-dozen South Texas proven fields brought an unusually busy holiday week to a close Saturday with new wells or production tests under way in a half-dozen probable producers.

Contributing to the holiday spurt of activity were two producers in the Kelsey field in Brooks county, two wells in the Colorado field in western Jim Hogg, and one each in the Sun and Rincón fields in Starr and the La Gloria area in southwestern Jim Wells.

Humble Producers

The new Humble producers were the No. 39 J. C. McGill and the No. 40 McGill, both in La Blanca Grant. The No. 39 McGill extended the field 933 feet to the north, while the No. 40 McGill was extending production 933 feet to the south. The two wells were 12,300 feet apart, almost due north and south, across the length of the producing area. The No. 39, about 11,400 feet northeast of discovery, gauged 80 barrels daily on 7-64-inch tubing choke from sand at 4,723-32 feet with 700 pounds tubing working pressure and 975 pounds casing pressure. Casing was cemented at 4,722 feet. No. 40 McGill, 5,500 feet southeast of discovery, made an estimated 90 barrels daily while still cleaning into pits from sand at 4,715-33 feet, casing having been cemented at 4,718 feet.

Still further to the south, 933 feet south of the No. 40 McGill, was the No. 41 McGill, 6,100 feet southeast of discovery, which was drilling below 2,200 feet. No. 42 McGill, 6,700 feet southeast of discovery, is almost directly on the Brooks-Starr county line, while locations for both the No. 43 and 44 McGill, still stacked, are both inside Starr County. If these wells make producers, the Kelsey field will be the first South Texas oil field to be located in three counties.

In the Colorado field in western Jim Hogg, Humble Oil and Refining Company No. 2 King-Ranch-Colo, Survey 42, 7,700 feet north of discovery and on the east edge of the field, was making an ungaged amount of oil from sand at 3,018-28 feet after casing had been cemented at the sand.

In the same field, Humble had staked location for the No. 8 E. B. Atwood at 3,630 feet from the south and 330 feet from the west lines of Survey 36, an inside location.

High Pressure Gas

In the La Gloria field in Jim Wells County, Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 W. C. Hornsby, Lot 17, Block 10, La Gloria Subd., 1,700 feet north of the field's distillate discovery, was still standing after showing high-pressure gas and distillate on drill-stem test through casing perforations at 7,066-80 feet. The well was incorrectly reported during the past week to have made production test.

Magnolia's No. 1 Hornsby Bros. Lot 5, Block 14, La Gloria, a north offset to the distillate discovery, gunperforated casing (24 shots) at 7,120-23 feet and drill stem test through perforations yielded 6,000 feet of salt water with 15 pounds pressure in 15 minutes. Operators decided to squeeze the perforations at 7,115-20 feet and the well was bottomed at 7,214 feet and 7-inch o. d. casing was cemented around 7,150 feet.

In the Rincón field in eastern Starr county, production test was under way in one well and two others were at important depths.

W. R. Davis and Company No. A-2 Slick Estate, Survey 485, 2,400 feet southwest of the field's distillate discovery, showed 150 feet of distillate with 1,100 pounds working pressure in five minutes on drill stem test through casing perforations (20 shots) at 4,022-30 feet. Operators backed up the hole and added perforations (20 shots) at 3,985-4,010 feet and were preparing to test both sections of the sand.

Davis and Company B-2 Slick Estate, Survey 528, 8,000 feet south of the distillate discovery and on the south edge of the area, drilled to total depth of 4,866 feet and was bottomed in sand at that depth. With casing previously cemented at 4,233 feet, operators plugged back to gun-perforate with 20 shots at 3,868-75 feet. The well was swabbing oil and wash water and drillers were unable to lower fluid in the hole below 2,500 feet.

Davis and Company B-6 Slick Estate, Survey 266, about 2,800 feet northeast of the distillate discovery, cored sand at 4,478-86 feet and drill stem test recovered 2,340 feet of salt water with 5 pounds pressure in 15 minutes. The well showed for excellent production on drill stem test of sand at 4,137-46 feet. It flowed oil with 370 pounds working pressure on tubing in 20 minutes and pressure increased to 425 pounds in 22 minutes. Operators recovered 1,100 feet of pipeline oil of 46 gravity at 82 degrees. Bottom-hole flowing pressure was 1,675 pounds and closed-in bottom-hole pressure was 1,865 pounds. Operators continued coring.

One new producer was being completed Saturday in the Sun field in northeastern Starr County. It was Sun Oil Co. No. 3 Geo. H. Speer, Survey 238, an inside location. The hole was bottomed at 4,990 feet and 5 1/2-inch o. d. oil string was cemented at 4,949 feet. Casing was gun-perforated with 30 shots at 4,896-4,908 feet for the production test in the regular Speer

Court Records

CAMERON COUNTY

Warranty Deeds

S. Clay and Alice A. Young to Ollie Weiden, 1/2 acre of land out of 26.13 acre Tr. and 1/2 acre being 5 acres out of NE corner of 20.13 acre tract out of Farm Bk 156 E1 Jordin Subd Sh 27 E S 01 W D Con 310.

Frances L. Thomas McDow and Madeline Perry to R. Warren Thomas 40' Lot 11 Bk 7 and 1/2 lots 12 13 14 Bk 12 town, site of La Feria W D Con 310.

J. C. Kennedy Tr. to Juanita P. de Vasquez Lot 35 Bk 9 Garden Parks Subd add to Villa W D Con 314.

Paul H. Brown to R. N. Jones 1/4 int lot 6 Bk 4 Scott Addn Hgn W D Con 300.

Joseph A. and Estella M. Drey to R. N. Jones Lot 3 Bk 2 Arroyo Vista subd to Hgn Con 310 and subject to indebtedness add Home Sav and Ln of 1177 W D.

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STOCK LOOMS AS A VALLEY MAJOR DEAL

Surges To Front In Past Year

HARLINGEN—From a poor showing a few years ago, the livestock industry of the Lower Rio Grande Valley had come a long way, at the end of 1939, toward its place among dominating industries of this section.

Figures released Saturday for 1939 reveal that livestock auction in Harlingen alone amounted to \$1,000,000, more than double the \$400,000 estimated for 1938 here, according to Benton Stack, stock inspector, who handles records for the Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission and the public.

Stack said 21,567 cattle passed through Harlingen's two auction yards in 1939, as compared to 10,000 in 1938, and the auctions handled 12,642 head of hogs, as compared to 8,000 hogs last year.

Major Industry

The \$1,000,000 figure easily places the auction yards as one of Harlingen's major industries. Stack estimated 100 families directly are employed in this livestock industry here, with an annual payroll conservatively estimated at \$30,000. These figures are exclusive of ranch hands, truckers and others more indirectly connected with the livestock auction business.

The remarkable strides made in the Valley in the last ten years have made the Harlingen livestock auction market as profitable to the producer as the auction at Houston or San Antonio, and twice weekly on auction days buyers from many sections of the state come here. Through efforts of the Livestock Sanitary Commission, buyers such as Henry Carlisle, Harlingen, and the cooperation of the public and producers, the tick quarantine has been lifted from this section save for a narrow strip along the Rio Grande.

Freeing Texas of ticks has made possible the importation of blooded stock to this section, with the result that livestock commands something like \$10 more per head than it did last year. Cattlemen say Carlisle, who has handled about 5,000 head himself in 1939, is individually responsible for much of the blooded cattle importation now being used to stock ranches here.

Through the Arroyo Auction Sales Yard, operated by B. H. Jones and F. E. Snowden, and the Community Sales Yard, operated by R. S. Parker and Spud Parker, in 1939 passed 21,567 head of cattle; 12,642 head of hogs; 1,067 horses and mules, and thousands of turkeys, chickens, ducks, geese. Through the Southwestern Packing Company plant here alone in 1939 5,000 head of cattle and 2,500 head of hogs have been processed.

The sales yards and Stack are planning to have an exhibit at the Valley Mid-Winter Fair, January 23 to 28, showing the improvement in the Valley beef type since 1930, with actual specimens from 1930 herds and 1939 herds. Improvement in blooded beef, eradication of the tick menace, and other advantages of present-day stock raising will be thus brought out.

Money Kept Here

"Much of this \$1,000,000 business would have gone out of the Valley into markets elsewhere," Stack said, "if the sales yards had not been operated. This figure cannot possibly include the thousands of odds and ends which passed through the auction yards in purchase, sale and exchange."

Stack, who keeps record of every sale at both yards, has been able to help in many a theft, for the records are permanent and public, and show who bought what sort of cow when and for how much.

—divorce granted plaintiff and custody of minor child and property rights settled as per decree on file.

Warren Sibbey vs Consumers Cotton Oil company, et al—suit for injunction.

ORRIS EBERHARD vs Keller Springfield Life company vs La Feria Industries, Inc.—debt note to all defendants except La Feria Industries, Inc. Judgment for plaintiff against remaining defendant La Feria Industries, Inc. for debt and foreclosure with redemption of instruments as per decree on file.

Pete Goyatos vs Fire Association of Philadelphia—suit on insurance policy—judgment for plaintiff and impleaded defendants intervenors as per decree on file.

Francis M. Lee vs Edward C. Lee, Jr.

sand. The lower Speer sand, cored at 4,974-78 feet was not tested.

SEEN IN VALLEY

Lower Rio Grande Valley Wildcats

Several important Lower Rio Grande Valley wildcats were going down Saturday, with most interest still centered on a Sun wildcat in the "blind spot" between the Sun and Rincón fields in northeastern Starr County and an humble wildcat five miles south of McAllen in southern Hidalgo.

Humble Oil and Refining Co. No. 1 T. J. Ogg, Jr., Lot 12, Block 3, Rio Bravo Plantation Subd., was drilling past 2,600 feet after cementing 10 3/4-inch o. d. surface casing at about that depth. The wildcat is headed for 10,000 feet to get a better picture of the big Rio Bravo prospect, whose possibilities during the past two years had induced the expenditure of huge sums for acreage and royalty in an area where a key well had never been drilled. About 50 square miles is included in the general area. Both majors and independents have close-in acreage.

Sun Oil Co. No. 1 Encarnacion Rodriguez, in the 642-acre E. Rodriguez tract in northern Santa Teresa Grant, Starr County, was drilling around 2,350 feet on a deep wildcat. Location is five miles north

DAY'S NEWS OF NATION'S MARKETS

MARKETS AT A GLANCE
NEW YORK—Stocks—Steady: Price changes small. Stocks generally higher. Foreign exchange—Improved; most rates advance. Cotton, sugar, metals, wool tops—Closed.
CHICAGO—Wheat—Higher; mill buying. Corn—Firm. Cattle—Steady. Hogs—Steady to strong.

STOCK LIST
NEW YORK—(P)—Sales, closing price and net change of the fifteen most active stocks Saturday.
Commonwealth & Sou 13.900 .14 + 1/4
U S Steel 11.200 .08 + 1/4
Columbia Gas 10.900 .05 + 1/4
Unit Corp 9.700 .25 + 1/4
N Y Central 7.700 .18 + 1/4
Republic Steel 7.600 .22 + 1/4
Stand Brands 6.800 .08 + 1/4
Unit Airlines 7.400 .16 + 1/4
Atch Top & Santa Fe 6.800 .23 + 1/4
Int'l Tel & Tel 6.800 .04 + 1/4
Stand Brands 6.800 .08 + 1/4
Warner Bros Pict 4.800 .25 + 1/4
Anacosta 4.800 .20 + 1/4

LIVESTOCK
CHICAGO—(P)—(U.S.D.A.)—Salable hogs 500; total 4,500; supply medium weights and heavy butchers steady, 5.30 freely; with Friday's average; good and choice 210-290 lbs averages 5.30-75; quotable top around 6.00; compared week ago; good and choice 160-300 lbs barrows and gilts 10-20 lower; average decline around 15¢. Salable cattle 100; compared Friday last week; fed steers steady, 25-50 high; short fed; regained last week's downturn; numerous instances fully 50 higher; slaughter cows 25-40 higher; bulls 25 up; weaners 50 to 1.00 higher; tops: choice 102 and 1122 to steers 11.50; 1212 lbs 11.35; practical limit on heifers 10.00; bulk short fed heifers 7.50-9.00; most beef cows 5.75-6.25; strongweight cutters 5.30 freely; bulk weaners 10.00-11.50; bulk stockers and lightweight feeders 7.50-8.75.
Salable sheep 1,000; late Friday: Active; fat lambs and yearlings steady to strong; sheep mostly 25-45; compared Friday last; sold late, higher since December 8; closing bulk 8.75-9.35; lambs down 10-120 days 8.25-8.75; top slaughter ewes 4.85.

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK
KANSAS CITY—(U.S.D.A.)—Hogs salable 100 (total 100); not enough offered to test market; packing steady, late top 5.45.
Cattle, salable 100, total 130; calves salable 50, total 75; tops choice 9.50 in yearlings and 10.00 in steers 10-50; yearling heifers 9.50; fat choice yearlings 10-20 down; choice 6.00 down; heifer calves 8.75 down.
Hogs 50; few cows 4.50; for week; market 20-30 lower.
Sheep 3,000; 2 loads; good to choice fat woolled lambs 9.00 freight paid; compared with Friday last week; fat lambs fully 15 higher; week's top 100 lbs lambs 9.10 memo and 9.10 freight paid; late mostly fed lambs 8.50-9.00; feeding lambs mostly 8.40 in carlots.

METALS
NEW YORK—(P)—Copper steady; electrolytic spot 12.50; export, FAS NY 12.50. Tin steady; spot and nearby 45.50; forward 45.50. Lead steady; spot 23.00; 3.50-35; East St. Louis 3.50. Zinc steady; East St. Louis spot and forward 6.00. Others unchanged.

PRODUCE
KANSAS CITY PRODUCE
KANSAS CITY—(P)—Eggs firsts 17¢; current receipts 16¢; springs 10¢-15¢; other produce and poultry unchanged.

CHICAGO PRODUCE
CHICAGO—(P)—Butter, long firm; prices unchanged. Eggs, tone steady; price unchanged.

N. Y. CURB
Am Cyan Bk 33 1/2 33 1/2 33 1/2
Am Gas & El 38 1/2 38 1/2 38 1/2
Bath Iron Wks 11 1/2 11 1/2 11 1/2
Bell Helix 19 1/2 19 1/2 19 1/2
Bellanca Air 7 7 7
Brenst Air 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2
Bridge Mach 2 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2
Cities Service 4 1/2 4 1/2 4 1/2
Crocket-Hugh Elm 5 1/2 5 1/2 5 1/2
Eagle Pich 11 1/2 11 1/2 11 1/2
El Bond & Sh 7 1/2 7 1/2 7 1/2
Grum Air B 15 1/2 15 1/2 15 1/2
Humble Oil 65 1/2 65 1/2 65 1/2
Humble Star Gas 10 10 10
Nag Ind Pow 5 1/2 5 1/2 5 1/2
Oils Nat Gas 19 1/2 19 1/2 19 1/2
Red Bank Oil 2 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2
Unit Gas 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2
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